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CONTAINING THE

OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS:

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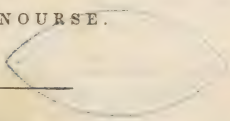
The Original Tongues,


AND

WITH THE FORMER TRANSLATIONS DILIGENTLY
COMPARED AND REVISED.

THE TEXT OF THE COMMON TRANSLATION IS ARRANGED IN PARAGRAPHS,
SUCH AS THE SENSE REQUIRES: THE DIVISIONS OF CHAPTERS AND
VERSES BEING NOTED IN THE MARGIN, FOR REFERENCE.

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PREFACE

TO THE PARAGRAPH BIBLE.

THAT the Bible is the word of God, given by the inspiration of the Spirit, and able to make "*us wise unto salvation*," is admitted by every Christian. To all such, its truths are very precious; and having derived instruction and comfort from them, they ardently desire that others may enjoy the same.

The Christian reads his Bible for spiritual improvement. But others read with a different motive; men of the world from curiosity, and the critic to ascertain the grammatical sense. The latter has an advantage over all others; he reads the original, and is not confined to translations.

But the critic derives no little assistance in prosecuting his study of the divine word, from *the manner* in which the originals are printed: the arrangement of the text, both in Hebrew and in the Greek, being in continuous paragraphs corresponding with the sense; and it is the deliberate conclusion, both of these critics and of theologians of great experience, that the gain from this arrangement is incalculable.

The *Hebrew* is always printed in paragraphic form; and those editions of the *Greek Testament*, which follow the same plan, dividing the text into continuous paragraphs, and retaining the notation of Chapters and Verses in the margin for the purpose of reference, are by scholars now used altogether. Such are the advantages resulting from an arrangement of this kind, that it is surprising any other should ever have obtained.

2. To meet some objections of men of taste; to transfer into the English Bible the arrangements of the Hebrew and Greek, and thus give those, who must necessarily read a translation, the same advantage the critic enjoys; and to do away a very common but erroneous impression, that the Bible is rather a collection of apothegms, or disconnected sentences, than composed of regular histories and treatises on religion, which have their separate topics and connexions;—in a word, to present the *English reader* with the word

of God, so arranged, that the injurious tendency of the divisions so universal in our English copies, may be counteracted ; is the design of the present undertaking. For the subdivision of the books of Sacred Scripture, into chapters and verses, without regard to the sense, and frequently to its great injury, has thrown a most serious obstacle in the way of common readers. It is a method peculiar to the Bible, and confined to translations alone. Yet the Word of God is not deserving of such an injurious peculiarity as this.

3. The fact being as has been stated, it may be matter of surprise, that these divisions were introduced, and so long retained. But it should be remembered that the design with which the present divisions in the English Bible were first used, was very different from that to which they have been applied.

For that there is any thing *sacred* in the old divisions which forbids their change, or even their entire rejection, will be supposed by none, when it is known that the divisions of *Chapters* were first introduced into the Bible about the middle of the 13th century, and *Verses* about the middle of the 16th. Their history is this :— Cardinal Hugo, who flourished about the middle of the 13th century, having projected a concordance for the Latin Bible, for the purpose of reference divided the whole into heads or *chapters*, without any regard to the sense, and then subdivided these portions into equal parts, to which he attached in the margin the letters A, B, C, &c. (The chapters now continue throughout, exactly as he made them.) The Greek church did not receive these divisions till the middle of the 15th century ; and no manuscript written previous to that time, contains the divisions of Hugo. The *subdivisions* of the chapters in the *Old Testament*, were somewhat altered by successive editors, when applied to the Hebrew, and assumed their present form in the edition of Athias, A. D. 1661 ; yet were always retained in the margin.

The *verses in the New Testament* were invented by Robert Stephens. He made them while on a journey ; but placed them in the margin, intending them only for reference. Their utility for this purpose soon gained them a general reception.

The translators of the English Bible unwarily gave a new appearance and authority to these divisions. In that published at Geneva, A. D. 1557, by the exiles in the reign of Mary, not only the chapters, as formerly, were separated, but the verses also. This unwise

alteration was followed by editors of the Greek Testament, and soon became general. John Albert Bengel, distinguished alike for his piety and his learning, in an edition of the Greek Testament, published in 1734, restored the marks of the divisions to their proper place, taking great care to insure their utility for reference, and disposed the whole text into paragraphs. Succeeding editors have followed his plan, using their own judgment in forming the paragraphs. Greisbach's edition, and Knapp's, which are generally preferred, vary little from Bengel's.

4. In this reprint of our common English version, *not a word is designedly altered from the copies in use*. In forming the paragraphic divisions, the best editions of the Originals have been continually consulted, and generally followed:—of the *Old Testament*, Vander Hooght's and others'—of the *New*, Knapp's (3d ed. Halle, 1824.)

These divisions are of three kinds: *First*, those which commence with **ANTIQUE** capitals, informing the reader of the commencement of the different PARTS into which a book is divided: Gen. i. 1. iii. 1. iv. 1. Matt. i. 1. iii. 1. iv. 12, &c. These parts are numbered on the head of the page. *Secondly*, those which commence with common CAPITALS, showing that the connexion of such paragraphs with what precedes is slight: Gen. ii. 4. v. i. Matt. i. 18, &c. *Thirdly*, those which commence with SMALL CAPITALS, intimating that the connexion is somewhat closer. These distinctions occur most in the Historical books, in which, *time* and *place* enter much into the narrative.

5. The notation of the Chapters and Verses is, as the title imports, retained only in the margin. The chapters are noted by antique figures, **1, 2, 3**, &c.; the verses, by figures of common size. The chapter or verse always commences in the line, at the end of which figures are placed.

The *end* of the chapter or verse is always at the longest pause in the line; or, when this is not the case, a small perpendicular dash or stroke (') is inserted, a little above the line of the text: Gen. ii. 1. Matt. i. 4. Wherever it would be difficult to learn the end of the verse from the punctuation alone, this dash is introduced: Matt. iii. 6. iv. 9, &c. Sometimes, when the verses are unusually short, *two* or more may end in the same line; in such cases, the dashes occur at the end of every verse, while the number of only the first that ends in the line is found in the margin, (the numbers of the rest

being omitted :) Mark xv. 25. John ii. 21, 22. But when two verses end in the same line, the number of each being a unit, both are noted : Matt. xxv. 2, 3. 4, 5.

6. Though no word is changed in the text of our common Translation, yet the attentive reader will soon perceive that the *punctuation* somewhat differs from the old. This variation, however, *nowhere alters the sense*, but is intended to impress more vividly the common meaning of the passage.

Two dashes, or *several periods*, are placed both before and after a sentence, to intimate that the sentence embraced by them is a kind of parenthesis or digression : Acts ii. 9—11. x. 41. Rom. i. 3—7. 1 Tim. i. 5—18. Heb. i. 3. vii. 1—3. Two or more periods are sometimes used, to intimate that the narrative or discourse is abruptly ended : Acts vii. 53, &c. In the *New Testament*, all quotations from the Old are marked in the common manner, (‘ ’’) : some quotations from the heathen poets, (as Acts xvii. 28. 1 Cor. xv. 33. Titus i. 12,) some repetitions of what had been said on a former occasion. (as Matt. iii. 17,) and some proverbs, are marked with a single quotation, (‘ ’). Beside this, the reader will observe that the *prose* quotations from the Old Testament in the New, are immediately distinguishable ; the letters composing the words of such quotations being interspaced. Quotations from the poetic books of the Old Testament, are printed in the common poetic form, without the marks of quotation. Some words are printed in small capitals, which are not so printed in the common edition ; as WISE MEN, Matt. ii. 1. THIS IS JESUS THE KING, &c. Matt. xxvii. 36, &c. BY, Acts xx. 16. ONE MAN, &c. Rom. v. 12, 14. OATH, Heb. vii. 20. with Rom. i. 16, 17, FOR IT IS, &c., which words are the text of that epistle. The dedication of LUKE'S Gospel to Theophilus, with the synodical letter, Acts xv. 23—29, and the letter of the tribune Lysias to Felix, Acts xxiii. 26—30, are also distinguished from the common narrative. In the Old Testament, are some parts which may be termed *poetic prose* ; these are distinguished both from prose and poetry by being printed in separate verses, like the verses in the common editions. All the truly poetic parts are immediately distinguished from the prose and history, by the form in which they are printed. See Gen. xlix. Ex. xv. Job, Psalms, Isaiah, &c. Luke i. 47—55. The word Lord, whenever, in the New Testament, it means JEHOVAH, is printed in capitals, after

the example of the same word in the Old Testament. The emphasis of this word in the New Testament, especially when it refers to the Messiah **JEHOVAH JESUS**, has been too much neglected. The words Devil, Apostle, Wicked One, also begin with a capital letter. This caligraphy has heretofore been also neglected.

7. On the head of the page there are introduced the *title* of each part of the History or Book, the numeration of the **PART**, and the date. The four Gospels are considered as forming together one history ; and are severally divided into *eight* corresponding **PARTS**. These are the following :—

1. The evangelical history previous to John's ministry.
2. From John's ministry to Christ's public ministry.
3. From Christ's ministry to the mission of the Apostles.
4. From the mission of the Apostles to that of the seventy.
5. From the mission of the seventy to Christ's entry into Jerusalem.
6. From his entry into Jerusalem to his apprehension.
7. From his apprehension to his crucifixion.
8. From his crucifixion to his ascension.

The Acts of the Apostles, (in imitation of Townsend,) is divided into *six* parts, as will be seen by the heading.

The Epistles are divided according to the same general plan.

The Editor cannot conclude without expressing a hope that this attempt will be patronized by those who love the Bible. He has undertaken this labor with the sincerest wish to do good, and claims no merit, but that which is due to a strong desire to give to others the same advantages he enjoys himself. The Bible cannot be understood, if only occasionally consulted ; it imperiously demands our close attention, and must not be read chapter by chapter, and then laid aside. It must be carefully studied as one great whole. Let a whole book be read, at one time ; then let its natural parts be separately examined, and after that every clause by itself. If the old divisions are forgotten by the reader, and he studies in the way recommended, he will soon see new beauties in the Bible.

THE NAMES
OF THE
BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT,
WITH
THE NUMBER OF CHAPTERS;
ALSO
THEIR CHRONOLOGICAL ARRANGEMENT, DATES, AUTHORS, &c.

Books.	Chap.	Chronological order, (according to Dr Blaney.)		Authors, &c.
HISTORICAL.				
Genesis . . .	50	Job	A.M. B.C. 2484 1520	{ The oldest book in the world. Written by Job in Uz or Idumea, B. C. 1540; or by Moses in the land of Midian. Compiled and written by Moses, (the last chapter perhaps by Joshua,) in the wilderness of Arabia, and on the borders of Canaan. The oldest historical records. Joshua, completed by Phineas and Eleazar. Phineas and Eleazar, high-priests; and Samuel. Samuel, for the family of David.
Exodus . . .	40	Genesis . . .	2513 1491	
Leviticus . .	27	Exodus . . .	2513 1491	
Numbers . . .	36	Leviticus . .	2514 1480	
Deuteronomy .	34	Numbers . . .	2553 1451	
Joshua . . .	24	Deuteronomy .	2553 1451	{ The authentic records of the Jewish nation, compiled under the inspection of the Kings and High-priests by inspired men, Prophets, and others; particularly by Ezra, who revised the whole.
Judges . . .	21	Joshua	2577 1427	
Ruth	4	Judges	2498 1406	
1 Samuel . .	31	Ruth	2592 1312	
2 Samuel . .	24	1 Samuel . . .	2949 1055	
1 Kings . . .	22	2 Samuel . . .	2986 1018	{ Samuel, Nathan, and Gad. 1 Chr. xxix. 29. { Solomon, when young. Na han, Iddo, 1 Chr. ix. 29. { Solomon, when old. Solomon, when old.
2 Kings . . .	25	1 Chronicles .	2989 1015	
1 Chronicles .	29	Song of Sol. . .	2991 1013	
2 Chronicles .	36	1 Kings I—XI.	3000 1004	
Ezra	10	2 Chr. I—IX.	3000 1004	
Nehemiah . .	13	Proverbs . . .	3004 1000	{ The records continued by direction of Hezekiah. Jeremiah, in Judea and Jerusalem, against Judah, Egypt, and other nations. Obadiah, in Judea, against Nineveh. Ezekiel, at Babylon, during the captivity. Daniel, . . do. do. Haggai, . . do. do. Zachariah, the captivity; encouraging the returned Jews to build the temple and city—with the record of the labors to restore the state and purify the people. David, Solomon, Asaph, the sons of Korah, &c.
Esther	10	Ecclesiastes . .	3029 975	
POETICAL.				
Job	42	1 Kings XII. &c.	3107 897	{ The records continued by direction of Hezekiah. Jeremiah, in Judea and Jerusalem, against Judah, Egypt, and other nations. Obadiah, in Judea, against Nineveh. Ezekiel, at Babylon, during the captivity. Daniel, . . do. do. Haggai, . . do. do. Zachariah, the captivity; encouraging the returned Jews to build the temple and city—with the record of the labors to restore the state and purify the people. David, Solomon, Asaph, the sons of Korah, &c.
Psalms . . .	150	Jonah	3142 862	
Proverbs . .	31	Joel	3204 800	
Ecclesiastes .	12	Amos	3217 787	
Song of Solomon . . .	8	Micah	3254 750	
PROPHETICAL.				
Isaiah	66	Hosea	3264 740	{ The records continued by direction of Hezekiah. Jeremiah, in Judea and Jerusalem, against Judah, Egypt, and other nations. Obadiah, in Judea, against Nineveh. Ezekiel, at Babylon, during the captivity. Daniel, . . do. do. Haggai, . . do. do. Zachariah, the captivity; encouraging the returned Jews to build the temple and city—with the record of the labors to restore the state and purify the people. David, Solomon, Asaph, the sons of Korah, &c.
Jeremiah . .	52	Nahum	3291 713	
Lamentations .	5	Isaiah	3306 698	
Ezekiel . . .	48	Zephaniah . .	3374 630	
Daniel	12	Habakkuk . . .	3378 626	
Hosea	4	2 Chr. X. &c.	3381 623	{ The records continued by direction of Hezekiah. Jeremiah, in Judea and Jerusalem, against Judah, Egypt, and other nations. Obadiah, in Judea, against Nineveh. Ezekiel, at Babylon, during the captivity. Daniel, . . do. do. Haggai, . . do. do. Zachariah, the captivity; encouraging the returned Jews to build the temple and city—with the record of the labors to restore the state and purify the people. David, Solomon, Asaph, the sons of Korah, &c.
Joel	3	Jeremiah . . .	3416 588	
Amos	9	Lamentations .	3416 588	
Obadiah . . .	1	Obadiah	3417 587	
Jonah	4	Ezekiel	3430 574	
Micah	7	Daniel	3460 534	{ The records continued by direction of Hezekiah. Jeremiah, in Judea and Jerusalem, against Judah, Egypt, and other nations. Obadiah, in Judea, against Nineveh. Ezekiel, at Babylon, during the captivity. Daniel, . . do. do. Haggai, . . do. do. Zachariah, the captivity; encouraging the returned Jews to build the temple and city—with the record of the labors to restore the state and purify the people. David, Solomon, Asaph, the sons of Korah, &c.
Nahum	3	Haggai	3484 520	
Habakkuk . .	3	Zachariah . . .	3484 520	
Zephaniah . .	3	Esther	3495 509	
Haggai	2	Ezra	3547 457	
Zachariah . .	16	Nehemiah . . .	3570 434	{ The records continued by direction of Hezekiah. Jeremiah, in Judea and Jerusalem, against Judah, Egypt, and other nations. Obadiah, in Judea, against Nineveh. Ezekiel, at Babylon, during the captivity. Daniel, . . do. do. Haggai, . . do. do. Zachariah, the captivity; encouraging the returned Jews to build the temple and city—with the record of the labors to restore the state and purify the people. David, Solomon, Asaph, the sons of Korah, &c.
Malachi . . .	4	Malachi	3607 397	
		Psalms	At various times	

THE
FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,
CALLED
GENESIS.

IN THE beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth. 1

And the Earth was without form and void; and darkness 2
was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved
upon the face of the waters.

AND God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And 3,4
God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light
from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the dark- 5
ness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were
the first day.

AND God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the 6
waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. And God 7
made the firmament, and divided the waters which *were* under
the firmament, from the waters which *were* above the firma-
ment: and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. 8
And the evening and the morning were the second day.

AND God said, Let the waters under the Heaven be gathered 9
together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear: and it was
so. And God called the dry *land* Earth; and the gathering 10
together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that *it was*
good. And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb 11
yielding seed, *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind,
whose seed *is* in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And 12
the earth brought forth grass, *and* herb yielding seed after his kind,
and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed *was* in itself, after his kind:
and God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and the morn- 13
ing were the third day.

AND God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the 14
Heaven, to divide the day from the night; and let them be for
signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: and let them be 15
for lights in the firmament of the Heaven, to give light upon the
earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights: the 16
greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the
night: *he made* the stars also. And God set them in the firmament 17
of the Heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over 18
the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the
darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. And the evening and 19
the morning were the fourth day.

AND God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the 20
moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the
earth in the open firmament of Heaven. And God created 21

great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that *it was* good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

AND God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them. Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which *is* upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which *is* the fruit of a tree yielding seed: to you it shall be for meat. And to every beast of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein *there is* life, *I have given* every green herb for meat: and it was so. And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, *it was* very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

AND on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.

THESE *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground. But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.

AND the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

AND the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also

in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; 10 and from thence it was parted, and became into four heads. The name of the first *is* *Pison*: that *is* it which compasseth 11 the whole land of Havilah, where *there is* gold; and the gold 12 of that land *is* good: there *is* bdellium and the onyx stone. And the name of the second river *is* *Gihon*: the same *is* it that 13 compasseth the whole land of Ethiopia. And the name of the 14 third river *is* *Hiddekel*: that *is* it which goeth toward the east of Assyria. And the fourth river *is* *Euphrates*. 'And the LORD 15 God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it, and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, 16 saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But 17 of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

AND the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should 18 be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of 19 the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them; and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. And Adam gave names 20 to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and 21 he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from 22 man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And 23 Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall 24 cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they 25 were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

NOW the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the 3 field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat 2 of the fruit of the trees of the garden: but of the fruit of the 3 tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And 4 the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: for 5 God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

AND when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and 6 that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them 7 both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig-leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And 8 they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves

from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto 9 him, Where *art* thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the 10 garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast 11 thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the man said, The woman whom thou 12 gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou 13 hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast 14 done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between 15 thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow 16 and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto 17 the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, 'Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to 18 thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 'in the sweat of 19 thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

AND Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was 20 the mother of all living. Unto Adam also and to his wife did 21 the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

AND the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as 22 one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden 23 of Eden to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he 24 drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

AND Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and 4 bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. And she again bare his brother Abel. 2

And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain 3 brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of 4 the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. 5 And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 'And the 6 LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy coun-

tenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? 7
and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee
shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to 8
pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel
his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, 9
Where *is* Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: *Am I my*
brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the 10
voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.
And now *art* thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened 1
her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;
'when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto 12
thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in
the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, my punishment *is* 13
greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this 14
day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid;
and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it
shall come to pass, *that* every one that findeth me shall slay me.
And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth 15
Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the
LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt 16
in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his 17
wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city,
and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.
And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and 18
Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech.

And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one 19
was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare 20
Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of *such*
as have cattle. And his brother's name *was* Jubal: he was the 21
father of all such as handle the harp and organ. And Zillah, 22
she also bare Tubal-cain, an instructor of every artificer in brass
and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain *was* Naamah. And Lamech 23
said unto his wives,

Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
Ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my
speech:
For I have slain a man to my wounding,

And a young man to my hurt:
If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold,
Truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold. 24

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and 25
called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me
another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. And to Seth, 26
to him also there was born a son: and he called his name Enos;
then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

THIS *is* the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that 5
God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and 2
female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name
Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived 3
an hundred and thirty years, and begat *a son* in his own likeness,
after his image; and called his name Seth: and the days of Adam 4
after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he be-
gat sons and daughters: and all the days that Adam lived were 5

nine hundred and thirty years: and he died. And Seth 6
lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enos: and Seth 7
lived after he begat Enos eight hundred and seven years, and
begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Seth were nine 8
hundred and twelve years: and he died. And Enos lived 9
ninety years, and begat Cainan: and Enos lived after he begat 10
Cainan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and
daughters: and all the days of Enos were nine hundred and five 11
years: and he died. And Cainan lived seventy years, and be- 12
gat Mahalaleel: and Cainan lived after he begat Mahalaleel 13
eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters:
and all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years: 14
and he died. And Mahalaleel lived sixty and five years, 15
and begat Jared: and Mahalaleel lived after he begat Jared 16
eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters:
and all the days of Mahalaleel were eight hundred ninety 17
and five years: and he died. And Jared lived an hundred 18
sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: and Jared lived after 19
he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and
daughters: and all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty 20
and two years: and he died. And Enoch lived sixty and 21
five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God 22
after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons
and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred 23
sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God; and he *was* 24
not; for God took him. And Methuselah lived an hundred 25
eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: and Methuselah 26
lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two
years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Methu- 27
selah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.
And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat 28
a son: and he called his name Noah, saying, *This same* shall 29
comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because
of the ground which the LORD hath cursed. And Lamech 30
lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years,
and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Lamech were 31
seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died. And 32
Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham,
and Japheth.

AND it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face 6
of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, *that* the sons 2
of God saw the daughters of men that they *were* fair; and they
took them wives of all which they chose. And the LORD said, 3
My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also *is*
flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. There 4
were giants in the earth in those days: and also after that, when
the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare
children to them, the same *became* mighty men which *were* of old 5
men of renown. And GOD saw that the wickedness of man *was*
great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of 6
his heart *was* only evil continually. And it repented the

LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth: both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

THESE are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

AND God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven: and every thing that is in the earth shall die. But with thee will I establish my covenant; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee: and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

AND the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee by sevens, the male and his female; and of beasts that are not clean by two, the male and his female. Of fowls also of the air by sevens, the male and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living substance that I have made will I destroy from off the face of the earth. And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth,

there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, the male 9
and the female, as God had commanded Noah.

AND it came to pass after seven days, that the waters of the 10
flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of 11
Noah's life, in the second month, the seventeenth day of the
month, the same day were all the fountains of the great deep
broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And 12
the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In 13
the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and
Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives
of his sons with them, into the ark; they, and every beast after 14
his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping
thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind, and every fowl
after his kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in 15
unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, wherein is the
breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female 16
of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and the LORD shut
him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the 17
waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lift up above
the earth. And the waters prevailed, and were increased greatly 18
upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters.
And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all 19
the high hills, that *were* under the whole heaven, were covered.
Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains 20
were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both 21
of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing
that creepeth upon the earth, and every man: all in whose nostrils 22
was the breath of life, of all that *was* in the dry *land*, died. And 23
every living substance was destroyed which was upon the face
of the ground, both man and cattle, and the creeping things, and the
fowl of the heaven; and they were destroyed from the earth:
and Noah only remained *alive*, and they that *were* with him in
the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred 24
and fifty days.

AND God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all 3
the cattle that *was* with him in the ark: and God made a wind
to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; the fountains 2
also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and
the rain from heaven was restrained; and the waters returned 3
from off the earth continually: and after the end of the hun-
dred and fifty days the waters were abated.

AND the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth 4
day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters 5
decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth *month*,
on the first *day* of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen.

AND it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened 6
the window of the ark which he had made. And he sent forth 7
a raven, which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried
up from off the earth. Also he sent forth a dove from him, to see 8
if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; but the 9
dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto

him into the ark, for the waters *were* on the face of the whole earth: then he put forth his hand, and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. And he stayed yet other seven days; and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark; and the dove came in to him in the evening; and, lo, in her mouth *was* an olive-leaf pluckt off: so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. And he stayed yet other seven days; and sent forth the dove; which returned not again unto him any more.

AND it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth dried. And God spake unto Noah, saying, Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, *both* of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him: every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, *and* whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark.

AND Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. And the LORD smelled a sweet savor; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake: for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease.

AND God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the air, upon all that moveth upon the earth, and upon all the fishes of the sea: into your hand are they delivered. Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; even as the green herb have I given you all things. But flesh with the life thereof, *which is* the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

AND God spake unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; and with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with

you; from all that go out of the ark, to every beast of the earth. And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all 11
 flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall 12
 there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. And God said, This 13
 is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you 14
 and every living creature that is with you, for perpetual gene- 15
 rations: I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token 16
 of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to 17
 pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be 18
 seen in the cloud: and I will remember my covenant, which is 19
 between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and 20
 the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 21
 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that 22
 I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and 23
 every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And 24
 God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I 25
 have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

AND the sons of Noah, that went forth of the ark, were Shem, 18
 and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. These 19
 are the three sons of Noah: and of them was the whole earth 20
 overspread. And Noah began to be an husbandman, and he 21
 planted a vineyard: and he drank of the wine, and was drunken; 22
 and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of 23
 Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two breth- 24
 ren without. And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it 25
 upon both their shoulders, and went backward, and covered the 26
 nakedness of their father; and their faces were backward, and 27
 they saw not their father's nakedness. And Noah awoke from 28
 his wine, and knew what his younger son had done unto him. 29
 And he said, 30

Cursed be Canaan;

A servant of servant's shall he be unto his brethren.

And he said, 31

Blessed be the LORD God of Shem;

And Canaan shall be his servant.

God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem;

And Canaan shall be his servant. 32

And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 28
 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: 29
 and he died.

NOW these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, 10
 Ham, and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the
 flood. The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, 2
 and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons 3
 of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. And the 4
 sons of Javan; Elisha, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. By 5
 these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands;
 every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Phut, and 6
 Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sab- 7
 tah, and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah;
 Sheba, and Dedan.

And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 8
He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, 9

'Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD.'

And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and 10
Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land 11
went forth Asshur, and builded Nineveh, and the city Rehoboth,
and Calah, 'and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; the same 12
is a great city.

And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and 13
Naphthuhim, 'and Pathrasim, and Casluhim (out of whom came 14
Philistim,) and Caphterim.

'And Canaan begat Sidon his first-born, and Heth, 'and the 15
Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgasite, 'and the Hivite, 17
and the Arkite, and the Sinite, 'and the Arvadite, and Zemarite, 18
and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Ca-
naanites spread abroad. And the border of the Canaanites was 19
from Sidon, as thou comest to Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou
goest unto Sodom, and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zebcain,
even unto Lasha. These *are* the sons of Ham, after their families, 20
after their tongues, in their countries, *and* in their nations.

Unto Shem also, the father of all the children of Eber, the 21
brother of Japheth the elder, even to him were *children* born.
The children of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and 22
Lud, and Aram. And the children of Aram; Uz, and Hul, and 23
Gether, and Mash. And Arphaxad begat Salah; and Salah begat 24
Eber. And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of one *was* 25
Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's
name *was* Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, 26
and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, 'and Hadoram, and Uzal, and 27
Diklah, 'and Obal, and Abimacl, and Sheba, 'and Ophir, and 28
Havilah, and Jobab: all these *were* the sons of Joktan. And their 20
dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar, a mount of
the east. These *are* the sons of Shem, after their families, after 31
their tongues, in their lands, after their nations. These *are* the 32
families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their na-
tions: and by these were the nations divided in the earth after
the flood.

AND the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech. 12
And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they 2
found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. And 3
they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn
them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had
they for mortar. And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and 4
a tower, whose top *may reach* unto heaven; and let us make us
a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole
earth. And the LORD came down to see the city and the 5
tower, which the children of men builded. And the LORD 6
said, Behold, the people *is* one, and they have all one language;
and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained
from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go 7
down, and there confound their language, that they may not un-

derstand one another's speech. So the LORD scattered them 8
abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left
off to build the city. Therefore is the name of it called Babel; 9
because the LORD did there confound the language of all the
earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon
the face of all the earth.

THESE *are* the generations of Shem: Shem *was* an hundred 10
years old, and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood: and 11
Shem lived after he begat Arphaxad five hundred years, and
begat sons and daughters. And Arphaxad lived five and thirty 12
years, and begat Salah: and Arphaxad lived after he begat 13
Salah four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
'And Salah lived thirty years, and begat Eber: 'and Salah 14
lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and be-
gat sons and daughters. And Eber lived four and thirty years, 16
and begat Peleg: and Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hun-
dred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters. And Peleg 18
lived thirty years, and begat Reu: and Peleg lived after he 19
begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and
daughters. And Reu lived two and thirty years, and begat Se- 20
rug: and Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and 21
seven years, and begat sons and daughters. And Serug lived 22
thirty years, and begat Nahor: and Serug lived after he begat 23
Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters. And 24
Nahor lived nine and twenty years, and begat Terah: and Na- 25
hor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years,
and begat sons and daughters. And Terah lived seventy years, 26
and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.

Now these *are* the generations of Terah: Terah begat Abram, 27
Nahor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Haran died 28
before his father Terah, in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the
Chaldees. And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name 29
of Abram's wife *was* Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife,
Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the
father of Iscah. 'But Sarai was barren; she *had* no child. 'And 30
Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's
son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife; and
they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into
the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt
there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five 32
years: and Terah died in Haran.

NOW the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy 12
country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto
a land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great 2
nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and
thou shalt be a blessing: and I will bless them that bless thee, 3
and curse him that curseth thee; and in thee shall all families
of the earth be blessed. So Abram departed, as the LORD had 4
spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was*
seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. And 5
Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their

substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

AND Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem. 6
unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite *was* then in the
land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto 7
thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto
the LORD, who appeared unto him.

AND he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of 8
Beth-el, and pitched his tent, *having* Beth-el on the west, and
Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD,
and called upon the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed, 9
going on still toward the south.

AND there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down 10
into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine *was* grievous in the
land. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter 11
into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know
that thou *art* a fair woman to look upon: therefore it shall come 12
to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say,
'This *is* his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee
alive. Say, I pray thee, thou *art* my sister: that it may be well 13
with me for thy sake: and my soul shall live because of thee.
And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, 14
the Egyptians beheld the woman that she *was* very fair. The 15
princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her before
Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's house.
And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, 16
and oxen, and he asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants,
and she asses, and camels. And the LORD plagued Pharaoh 17
and his house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's wife.
And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What *is* this *that* thou hast 18
done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she *was* thy wife?
Why saidst thou, She *is* my sister? so I might have taken her 19
to me to wife: now therefore behold thy wife, take *her*, and go
thy way. And Pharaoh commanded *his* men concerning him, 20
and they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

AND Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all 21
that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram *was* 2
very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his 3
journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where
his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai;
unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: 4
and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

AND Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, 5
and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they
might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that 6
they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between 7
the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle:
and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.
And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, 8
between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herd-

men; for we *be* brethren. *Is* not the whole land before thee? 9
separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left
hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou depart* to the right
hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and 10
beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it *was* well watered every
where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, *even*
as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou
comest unto Zoar. Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; 11
and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one
from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot 12
dwelled in the cities of the plain, and pitched *his* tent toward
Sodom. But the men of Sodom *were* wicked, and sinners before 13
the LORD exceedingly.

AND the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated 14
from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where
thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and west-
ward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, 15
and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust 16
of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth,
then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the 17
land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give
it unto thee. Then Abram removed *his* tent, and came and 18
dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which *is* in Hebron, and built there
an altar unto the LORD.

AND it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, 14
Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal
king of nations; *that these* made war with Bera king of Sodom, 2
and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and
Shemeber king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar.
All these were joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is 3
the salt sea. Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in 4
the thirteenth year they rebelled. And in the fourteenth year 5
came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that *were* with him, and smote
the Rephaims in Ashteroth Karnaim, and the Zuzims in Ham,
and the Emims in Shaveh Kiriathaim, ' and the Horites in their 6
mount Seir, unto El-paran, which *is* by the wilderness. And 7
they returned, and came to Enmishpat, which *is* Kadesh, and
smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites,
that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar. And there went out the king of 8
Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and
the king of Zeboim, and the king of Bela (the same *is* Zoar :)
and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; ' with 9
Chedorlaomer the king of Elam, and with Tidal king of nations,
and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four
kings with five. And the vale of Siddim *was full of* slime-pits; 10
and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell there; and
they that remained fled to the mountain. And they took all the 11
goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went
their way. And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who 12
dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

AND there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the 13

Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these *were* confederate with Abram. And when Abram heard that his brother 14 was taken captive, he armed his trained *servants*, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued *them* unto Dan. And he divided himself against them, he and his servants, 15 by night, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which *is* on the left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the 16 goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

AND the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his re- 17 turn from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer, and of the kings that *were* with him, at the valley of Shaveh, which *is* the king's dale. And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: 18 and he *was* the priest of the most high God. And he blessed 19 him, and said, Blessed *be* Abram of the most high God, possessor of heaven and earth: and blessed be the most high God, which 20 hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all.

AND the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, 21 and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of 22 Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth, ' that I will not *take* from 23 a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that *is* thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: save only that which the young men have eaten, and the por- 24 tion of the men which went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

AFTER these things the word of the LORD came unto Abram 25 in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I *am* thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt 2 thou give me, seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house *is* this Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me 3 thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the LORD *came* unto him, saying, 4 This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth 5 abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to 6 him for righteousness.

And he said unto him, I *am* the LORD that brought thee out 7 of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. And 8 he said, Lord GOD, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, 9 and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him 10 all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he not. And when the 11 fowls came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon 12

Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance. And thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good old age. But in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. In that same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: the Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaims, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.

NOW Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction. And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren. And she called the name of the LORD that spake unto her, Thou God seest me: for she said, Have I also here looked after him that seeth me? Wherefore the well was called Beerlahai-roi; behold, *it is* between Kadesh and Bered. And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called his son's name, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. And

Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD¹⁷ appeared to Abram and said unto him, *I am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly. And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, As for me, behold, my covenant *is* with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be called Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations. This *is* my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; every man child among you shall be circumcised. And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which *is* not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant. And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah *shall* her name *be*. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be *a mother* of nations; kings of people shall be of her. Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall *a child* be born unto him that is an hundred years old? and shall Sarah that is ninety years old, bear? And Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in the next year.

And he left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham. And Abraham took Ishmael his son, and all that were

born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house; and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. And Abraham *was* ninety years old and nine, 24 when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. And Ish- 25 mael his son *was* thirteen years old, when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. In the selfsame day *was* Abraham 26 circumcised, and Ishmael his son. And all the men of his house, 27 born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

AND the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mamre: 18 and he sat in the tent door in the heat of the day; and he lift 2 up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood by him: and when he saw *them*, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground, 'and said, My Lord, if 3 now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and 4 wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: and I will 5 fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ye your hearts; after that ye shall pass on: for therefore are ye come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. 'And Abraham hastened 6 into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth. And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and 7 good, and gave *it* unto a young man; and he hasted to dress it. And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, 8 and set *it* before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat. And they said unto him, Where *is* Sarah thy 9 wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. And he said, I will 10 certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard *it* in the tent door, which *was* behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah *were* 11 old and well stricken in age; and *it* ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. Therefore Sarah laughed within 12 herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? And the LORD said unto Abraham, Where- 13 fore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, which am old? 'Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the 14 time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. Then Sarah denied, saying, 15 I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh.

AND the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: 16 and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. And 17 the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty 18 nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I know him, that he will command his children and his 19 household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. And the LORD 20

said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see 21 whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know. And the men 22 turned their faces from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD.

AND Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou also destroy the 23 righteous with the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous 24 within the city: wilt thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that *are* therein? That be far from 25 thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from 26 thee: shall not the judge of all the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, 27 then I will spare all the place for their sakes. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak 28 unto the LORD, which *am* but dust and ashes: Peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy 29 all the city for *lack of* five? And he said, If I find there forty and five, I will not destroy *it*. And he spake unto him yet again, 30 and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do *it* for forty's sake. And he said *unto him*, 31 Oh let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak: Peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not do *it*, if I find thirty there. And he said, Behold now, I have taken 32 upon me to speak unto the LORD: Peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the LORD be angry, 33 and I will speak yet but this once: Peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy *it* for ten's sake. And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing 34 with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

AND there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat 19 in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them: and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; and he 2 said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we 3 will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat.

BUT before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men 4 of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, 5 and said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold 7,8 now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is

good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, 9
Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men 10
put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that *were* at the door 11
of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door. And the men said unto 12
Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son-in-law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring *them* out of this place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry 13
of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake 14
unto his sons-in-law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons-in-law.

AND when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, 15
saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city. And 16
while he lingered, the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the LORD being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. And it came to pass, when 17
they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. And Lot said 18
unto them, Oh, not so, my lord: behold now, thy servant hath 19
found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die: behold now, this city *is* near to flee unto, and it *is* a little one: 20
oh, let me escape thither, (*is it not a little one?*) and my soul shall live. And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee 21
concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken. Haste thee, escape thither: for I 22
cannot do any thing till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar. The sun was risen upon the 23
earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

THEN the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah 24
brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. But his wife 26
looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. And Abraham gat up early in the morning to the place where 27
he stood before the LORD: and he looked toward Sodom and 28
Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, and beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of 29

the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt.

AND Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him: for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father *is* old, and *there is* not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also: and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the first-born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same *is* the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same *is* the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

AND Abraham journeyed from thence toward the south country, and dwelled between Kadesh and Shur, and sojourned in Gerar. And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She *is* my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she *is* a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, LORD, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She *is* my sister? and she even she herself said, He *is* my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart: for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore restore the man *his* wife: for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine. Therefore Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? and what have I offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou hast done this thing? And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God *is* not in this place; and they will slay me for my wife's sake. And yet indeed *she is* my

sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife. And it came to pass, 13 when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, 14 and women-servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is 15 before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. And unto Sarah he 16 said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand *pieces* of silver: behold he is to thee a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with thee, and with all *other*: thus she was reprov'd. So Abraham 17 prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants: and they bare *children*. For the LORD had 18 fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

AND the LORD visited Sarah as he had said, and she bore 22 unto Sarah as he had spoken. For Sarah conceived, and bare 2 Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that 3 was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abra- 4 ham circumcised his son Isaac being eight days old, as God had commanded him. And Abraham was an hundred years old, 5 when his son Isaac was born unto him. And Sarah said, God 6 hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah 7 should have given children suck? for I have born *him* a son in his old age. And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abra- 8 ham made a great feast the *same* day that Isaac was weaned.

AND Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had 9 born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abra- 10 ham, Cast out this bond-woman and her son: for the son of this bond-woman shall not be heir with my son, *even* with Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight because of 11 his son. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in 12 thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bond-woman: in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. And also of the son of the 13 bond-woman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. And 14 Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoul- der, and the child, and sent her away:

AND she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer- sheba. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the 15 child under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat her down 16 over against *him* a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against *him*, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard 17 the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not: for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift 18

up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of 19 water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and 20 dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. And he dwelt 21 in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

AND it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phichol 22 the chief captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, *God is* with thee in all that thou doest: now therefore swear unto me 23 here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: *but* according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. And Abraham said, I will 24 swear. And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well 25 of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. And Abimelech said, I wot not who hath done this thing: neither 26 didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to-day. And 27 Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech: and both of them made a covenant. And Abraham set seven 28 ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. And Abimelech said 29 unto Abraham, What *mean* these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? And he said, For *these* seven ewe lambs 30 shalt thou take of my hand, that they may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well. Wherefore he called that place 31 Beer-sheba; because there they swore both of them. Thus they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the chief captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines.

And Abraham planted a grove in Beer-sheba, and called there 32 on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. And Abraham 33 sojourned in the Philistines' land many days.

AND it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt 34 Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, *here I am*. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, 35 whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose up early in the 36 morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God 37 had told him. Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his 38 eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his 39 young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. And Abraham 40 took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham 41 his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here *am I*, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where *is* the 42 lamb for a burnt-offering? And Abraham said, My son, God will

provide himself a lamb for a burnt-offering : so they went both of them together. And they came to the place which God had told him of ; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham : and he said, Here *am* I. And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him : for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns : and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh : as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen. And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son : that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore ; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies ; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed ; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba ; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

AND it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she hath also born children unto thy brother Nahor ; Huz his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. And Bethuel begat Rebekah : these eight Milcah did bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bare also Tebah, and Gaham, and Thahash, and Maachah.

AND Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years old : these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died in Kirjath-arba ; the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan : and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spake unto the sons of Heth, saying, ' I am a stranger and a sojourner with you : give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, ' Hear us, my lord : thou art a mighty prince among us : in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead ; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight ; hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field ;

for as much money as it is worth he shall give it me for a possession of a burying-place amongst you. And Ephron dwelt 10 among the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, *even* of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, Nay, my lord, hear 11 me: the field give I thee, and the cave that *is* therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. And Abraham bowed down himself before the 12 people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience 13 of the people of the land, saying, But if thou *wilt* give it, I pray thee, hear me: I will give thee money for the field; take *it* of me, and I will bury my dead there. And Ephron answered 14 Abraham, saying unto him, 'My lord, hearken unto me: the 15 land *is* *worth* four hundred shekels of silver: what *is* that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead. And Abraham 16 hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current *money* with the merchant. And the field of Ephron, which *was* in Machpelah, which *was* 17 before Mamre, the field, and the cave which *was* therein, and all the trees that *were* in the field, that *were* in all the borders round about, were made sure 'unto Abraham for a possession in the 18 presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in 19 the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same *is* Hebron in the land of Canaan. And the field, and the cave that 20 *is* therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

AND Abraham was old, *and* well stricken in age: and the 24 LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said 2 unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: and I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: but thou shalt go unto 4 my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman 5 will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not 6 my son thither again. The LORD God of heaven, which took 7 me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that swore unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land: he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence. And if 8 the woman will not be willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath: only bring not my son thither again. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning that matter. 9

And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, 10 and departed: for all the goods of his master *were* in his hand:

and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor. And he made his camels to kneel down without the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, *even* the time that women go out to draw *water*. And he said, O LORD God of my master Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand *here* by the well of water; and the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water: and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: *let the same be she that* thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast showed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. And the damsel *was* very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Let me, I pray thee, drink a little water of thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for thy camels also, until they have done drinking. And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw *water*, and drew for all his camels. And the man wondering at her held his peace, to wit whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous or not. And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden carring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten *shekels* weight of gold; and said, Whose daughter *art* thou? tell me, I pray thee: is there room *in* thy father's house for us to lodge in? And she said unto him, I *am* the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor. She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge in. And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the LORD. And he said, Blessed *be* the Lord God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I *being* in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren. And the damsel ran, and told *them of* her mother's house these things. And Rebekah had a brother, and his name *was* Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto the well. And it came to pass, when he saw the earring and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me: that he came unto the man: and, behold, he stood by the camels at the well. And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels. And the man came into the house: and he ungirded his camels, and gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet, and the men's feet that

were with him. And there was set *meat* before him to eat: but 33
he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he
said, Speak on. ' And he said, I *am* Abraham's servant. ' And 34
the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become
great: and he hath given him flocks, and herds, and silver, and
gold, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses.
And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she 36
was old: and unto him hath he given all that he hath. And my 37
master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife to
my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell:
but thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred, and 38
take a wife unto my son. And I said unto my master, Perad- 39
venture the woman will not follow me. And he said unto me, 40
The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee,
and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of
my kindred, and of my father's house: Then shalt thou be clear 41
from *this* my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if
they give not thee *one*, thou shalt be clear from my oath. And 42
I came this day unto the well, and said, O LORD God of my
master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go:
behold, I stand by the well of water; and it shall come to pass, 43
that when the virgin cometh forth to draw *water*, and I say to
her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water of thy pitcher to drink;
and she say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy 44
camels: *let* the same *be* the woman whom the LORD hath ap-
pointed out for my master's son. And before I had done speak- 45
ing in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on
her shoulder; and she went down unto the well, and drew *water*:
and I said unto her, Let me drink, I pray thee. And she made 46
haste, and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said,
Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she
made the camel's drink also. And I asked her, and said, Whose 47
daughter *art* thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel,
Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the earring
upon her face, and the bracelets upon her hands. And I bowed 48
down my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the
LORD God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the
right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son.
And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell 49
me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to
the left. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The 50
thing proceedeth from the LORD: we cannot speak unto thee
bad or good. Behold, Rebekah *is* before thee, take *her*, and go, 51
and let her be thy master's son's wife, as the LORD hath spoken.
And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their 52
words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth.
And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of 53
gold, and raiment, and gave *them* to Rebekah: he gave also to
her brother and to her mother precious things. And they did 54
eat and drink, he and the men that *were* with him, and tarried
all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send

me away unto my master. And her brother and her mother said, 55
 Let the damsel abide with us *a few* days, at the least ten; after
 that she shall go. And he said unto them, Hinder me not, see- 56
 ing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I
 may go to my master. And they said, We will call the damsel, 57
 and inquire at her mouth. And they called Rebekah and said 58
 unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.

AND they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and 59
 Abraham's servant, and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, 60
 and said unto her, Thou *art* our sister, be thou *the mother* of thou-
 sands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which
 hate them. And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode 61
 upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took
 Rebekah, and went his way. And Isaac came from the way of 62
 the well Lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the south country. And Isaac 63
 went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up
 his eyes, and saw, and behold, the camels *were* coming. And 64
 Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted
 off the camel. For she *had* said unto the servant, What man *is* 65
 this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant *had*
 said, It *is* my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered
 herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. 66
 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took 67
 Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac
 was comforted after his mother's death.

THEN again Abraham took a wife, and her name *was* Ketu-25
 rah. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and 2
 Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And Jokshan begat Sheba, 3
 and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim,
 and Leummim. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephra- 4
 im, and Hanoth, and Abidah, and Eldaah. All these *were* the chil-
 dren of Keturah.

AND Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. But unto 5,6
 the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave
 gifts, and sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived,
 eastward, unto the east country. And these *are* the days of the 7
 years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore
 and fifteen years. Then Abraham gave up the ghost, and died 8
 in a good old age, an old man, and full of *years*; and was
 gathered to his people. And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried 9
 him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of
 Zohar the Hittite, which *is* before Mamre; the field which 10
 Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham
 buried, and Sarah his wife.

AND it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God 11
 blessed his son Isaac; and Isaac dwelt by the well Lahai-roi.
 Now these *are* the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom 12
 Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham:
 and these *are* the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, 13
 according to their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Neba-
 joth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ' and Mishma, and 14

Dumah, and Massa. ¹ Hadar, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Ke- 15
demah: these *are* the sons of Ishmael, and these *are* their names, 16
by their towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according
to their nations. And these *are* the years of the life of Ishmael, 17
an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the
ghost and died: and was gathered unto his people. And they 18
dwelt from Havilah unto Shur, that *is* before Egypt, as thou
goest toward Assyria: *and* he died in the presence of all his
brethren.

AND these *are* the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: 19
Abraham begat Isaac: and Isaac was forty years old when he 20
took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of
Padan-aram, the sister to Laban the Syrian. And Isaac intreated 21
the LORD for his wife, because she *was* barren: and the LORD
was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the 22
children struggled together within her; and she said, If *it be* so,
why *am* I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD. And the 23
Lord said unto her, Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two man-
ner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one*
people shall be stronger than *the other* people; and the elder
shall serve the younger. And when her days to be delivered 24
were fulfilled, behold, *there were* twins in her womb. And the 25
first came out red, all over like a hairy garment; and they called
his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his 26
hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob:
and Isaac *was* threescore years old when she bare them. And 27
the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the
field: and Jacob *was* a plain man dwelling in tents. And Isaac 28
loved Esau, because he did eat of *his* venison: but Rebekah
loved Jacob.

AND Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came from the field, and he 29
was faint: and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with 30
that same red *pottage*; for I *am* faint: therefore was his name
called Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this day thy birthright. 31
And Esau said, Behold, I *am* at the point to die: and what profit 32
shall this birthright do to me? And Jacob said, Swear to me this 33
day; and he sware unto him: and he sold his birthright unto
Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; 34
and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus
Esau despised *his* birthright.

AND there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine 26
that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abime-
lech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. And the LORD ap- 2
peared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in
the land which I shall tell thee of: sojourn in this land, and I 3
will be with thee, and will bless thee: for unto thee, and unto
thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the
oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; and I will make 4
thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven. and will give unto
thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations
of the earth be blessed: because that Abraham obeyed my voice. 5

and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: and the men of the place 6,7 asked *him* of his wife; and he said, *She is* my sister: for he feared to say, *She is* my wife: Lest, *said he*, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she *was* fair to look upon. And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that 8 Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac *was* sporting with Rebekah his wife. And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she 9 *is* thy wife: and how saidst thou, *She is* my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her. And Abimelech 10 said, What *is* this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. And Abimelech charged all *his* 11 people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received 12 in the same year an hundred-fold: and the LORD blessed him: and the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he be- 13 came very great: for he had possession of flocks, and possession 14 of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him. For all the wells which his father's servants had digged 15 in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them, and filled them with earth. And Abimelech said unto 16 Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we.

AND Isaac departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley 17 of Gerar, and dwelt there. And Isaac digged again the wells of 18 water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and 19 found there a well of springing water. And the herdmen of 20 Gerar did strive with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water *is* ours: and he called the name of the well Esek; because they strove with him. And they digged another well, and strove for that 21 also: and he called the name of it Sitmah. And he removed 22 from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land, ' And he went up from thence to Beersheba. ' And 23 the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, *I am* the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for *I am* with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name 25 of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

THEN Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath one 26 of his friends, and Phichol the chief captain of his army. And 27 Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? And they said, We saw 28 certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, *even* betwixt us and thee, and let us

make a covenant with thee ; that thou wilt do us no hurt, as we 29
 have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing
 but good, and have sent thee away in peace : thou *art* now the
 blessed of the LORD. And he made them a feast, and they did 30
 eat and drink. And they rose up betimes in the morning, and 31
 swore one to another : and Isaac sent them away, and they de-
 parted from him in peace. And it came to pass the same day, 32
 that Isaac's servants came, and told him concerning the well
 which they had digged, and said unto him, We have found water.
 And he called it Shebah : therefore the name of the city is Beer- 33
 sheba unto this day.

AND Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the 34
 daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of
 Elon the Hittite : which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to 35
 Rebekah.

AND it came to pass, that when Isaac was old, and his eyes 27
 were dim, so that he could not see, he called Esau his eldest son,
 and said unto him, My son : and he said unto him, Behold *here*
am I. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I know not the day 2
 of my death : now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy 3
 quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me *some*
 venison ; and make me savory meat, such as I love, and bring 4
it to me, that I may eat ; that my soul may bless thee before I
 die. And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. 5
 And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* venison, *and* to bring *it*.
 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard 6
 thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 'Bring me veni- 7
 son, and make me savory meat, that I may eat, and bless thee
 before the LORD before my death. Now therefore, my son, 8
 obey my voice according to that which I command thee. Go 9
 now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the
 goats ; and I will make them savory meat for thy father, such
 as he loveth : and thou shalt bring *it* to thy father, that he may 10
 eat, and that he may bless thee before his death. And Jacob 11
 said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau my brother *is* a hairy
 man, and I *am* a smooth man ; my father peradventure will feel 12
 me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver ; and I shall bring a
 curse upon me, and not a blessing. And his mother said unto 13
 him, Upon me *be* thy curse, my son : only obey my voice, and go
 fetch me *them*. And he went, and fetched, and brought *them* to 14
 his mother : and his mother made savory meat, such as his
 father loved. And Rebekah took goodly raiment of her elder 15
 son Esau, which *were* with her in the house, and put them upon
 Jacob her younger son : and she put the skins of the kids of the 16
 goats upon his hands, and upon the smooth of his neck : and she
 gave the savory meat and the bread which she had prepared,
 unto the hand of her son Jacob. And he came unto his father, 18
 and said, My father : and he said, Here *am I* ; who *art* thou, my
 son ? And Jacob said unto his father, I *am* Esau thy first-born ; 19
 I have done according as thou badest me : arise, I pray thee, sit
 and eat of my venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac 20

said unto his son, *How is it* that thou hast found *it* so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD thy God brought *it* to me. And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou *be* my very son Esau, or not. And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father; and he felt him, and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands *are* the hands of Esau. And he discerned him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. And he said, *Art* thou my very son Esau? And he said, *I am*. And he said, Bring *it* near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought *it* near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said,

See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed:

Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven,

And the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine:

Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee;

Be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee:

Cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee.

And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. And he also had made savory meat, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. And Isaac his father said unto him, Who *art* thou? And he said, *I am* thy son, thy first-born, Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who, where *is* he that hath taken venison, and brought *it* me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? yea, *and* he shall be blessed. And when Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And he said, Thy brother came with subtilty, and hath taken away thy blessing. And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his father answered and said unto him,

Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth,

And of the dew of heaven from above;

And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother;

And it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion,

That thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

AND Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his 41
 father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of
 mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother
 Jacob. And these words of Esau her elder son were told to 42
 Rebekah: and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and
 said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth
 comfort himself, *purposing* to kill thee. Now therefore, my son, 43
 obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to
 Haran; and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury 44
 turn away; until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and 45
 he forget *that* which thou hast done to him: then I will send,
 and fetch thee from thence: why should I be deprived also of
 you both in one day? And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary 46
 of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a
 wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these *which are* of the
 daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me? And 28
 Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said
 unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan.
 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's 2
 father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of
 Laban thy mother's brother. And God Almighty bless thee, 3
 and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest be a
 multitude of people; and give thee the blessing of Abraham, to 4
 thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the
 land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abra-
 ham. And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Padan-aram. 5
 unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah,
 Jacob's and Esau's mother.

WHEN Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him 6
 away to Padan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that
 as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take
 a wife of the daughters of Canaan; and that Jacob obeyed his 7
 father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram; and Esau 8
 seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father;
 then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he 9
 had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael, Abraham's son, the sister
 of Nebajoth, to be his wife.

AND Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went towards Ha- 10
 ran. And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all 11
 night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that
 place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place
 to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the 12
 earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the an-
 gels of God ascending and descending on it. And behold, the 13
 LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham
 thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest,
 to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as 14
 the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west,
 and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee
 and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.
 And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* 15

whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land: for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, 16 Surely the LORD is in this place, and I knew *it* not. And he 17 was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven. And 18 Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put *for* his pillows, and set it up *for* a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. And he called the name of that place Beth-el: 19 but the name of that city *was called* Luz at the first. And Jacob 20 vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace; 21 then shall the LORD be my God: and this stone which I have 22 set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

THEN Jacob went on his journey, and came into the land of 29 the people of the east. And he looked, and behold a well in 2 the field, and, lo, there *were* three flocks of sheep lying by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and a great stone *was* upon the well's mouth, and thither were all the flocks gathered: 3 and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in his place. And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence *be* ye? 4 And they said, Of Haran *are* we. And he said unto them, Know 5 ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know *him*. And he said unto them, *Is* he well? And they said, *He is* well: 6 and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. And 7 he said, Lo, *it is* yet high day, neither *is it* time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go *and* feed *them*. And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be 8 gathered together, and *till* they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep. And while he yet spake 9 with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep: for she kept them. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daugh- 10 ter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his 11 voice, and wept. And Jacob told Rachel that he *was* her father's 12 brother, and that he *was* Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings 13 of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these things. And Laban said to him, Surely thou 14 *art* my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month.

AND Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou *art* my brother, 15 shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? tell me, what *shall* thy wages *be*? And Laban had two daughters: the name 16 of the elder *was* Leah, and the name of the younger *was* Rachel.

Leah *was* tender-eyed; but Rachel *was* beautiful and well fa- 17
 vored. And Jacob loved Rachel; and said, I will serve thee 18
 seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. And Laban 19
 said, *It is* better that I give her to thee, than that I should
 give her to another man: abide with me. And Jacob served 20
 seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him *but* a few
 days, for the love he had to her. And Jacob said unto Laban, 21
 Give *me* my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto
 her. And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, 22
 and made a feast. And it came to pass in the evening, that he 23
 took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him: and he went
 in unto her. And Laban gave unto his daughter Leah Zilpah 24
 his maid *for* an handmaid. And it came to pass, that in the 25
 morning, behold it *was* Leah: and he said to Laban, What *is*
 this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for
 Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? And Laban 26
 said, It must not be so done in our country to give the younger
 before the first-born. Fulfil her week, and we will give thee 27
 this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet
 seven other years. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: 28
 and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. And Laban 29
 gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her maid.
 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel 30
 more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years.

And when the LORD saw that Leah *was* hated, he opened 31
 her womb: but Rachel *was* barren. And Leah conceived, and 32
 bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely
 the LORD hath looked upon my affliction: now therefore my
 husband will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a 33
 son: and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I *was* hated,
 he hath therefore given me this *son* also: and she called his
 name Simeon. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and 34
 said, Now this time will my husband be joined unto me, because
 I have born him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi.
 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, Now 35
 will I praise the LORD: therefore she called his name Judah;
 and left bearing.

And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, 36
 Rachel envied her sister: and said unto Jacob, Give me chil-
 dren, or else I die. And Jacob's anger was kindled against 2
 Rachel: and he said, *Am* I in God's stead, who hath withheld
 from thee the fruit of the womb? And she said, Behold my 3
 maid Bilhah, go in unto her: and she shall bear upon my knees,
 that I may also have children by her. And she gave him Bil- 4
 hah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. And 5
 Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. And Rachel said, God 6
 hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given
 me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. And Bilhah 7
 Rachel's maid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son.
 And Rachel said, With great wrestlings have I wrestled with 8

my sister, and I have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

WHEN Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah 9 her maid, and gave her Jacob to wife. And Zilpah Leah's maid 10 bare Jacob a son. And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she 11 called his name Gad. And Zilpah Leah's maid bare Jacob a 12 second son. And Leah said, Happy am I, for the daughters will 13 call me blessed: and she called his name Asher.

AND Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found 14 mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son's mandrakes. And she said unto her, *Is it* a small matter that 15 thou hast taken my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to-night for thy son's mandrakes. And Jacob came 16 out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me: for surely I have hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with her that night. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and bare 17 Jacob the fifth son. And Leah said, God hath given me my hire, 18 because I have given my maiden to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob 19 the sixth son. And Leah said, God hath endued me *with* a good 20 dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have born him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. And af- 21 terwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah.

AND God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, 22 and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son, 23 and said, God hath taken away my reproach: And she called 24 his name Joseph; and said, the LORD shall add to me another son.

AND it came to pass, when Rachel had born Joseph, that Ja- 25 cob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. Give *me* my wives and my 26 children, for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service which I have done thee. And Laban said 27 unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thine eyes, *tarry*: for I have learned by experience that the LORD hath blessed me for thy sake. And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will 28 give *it*. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served 29 thee, and how thy cattle was with me. For *it was* little which 30 thou hadst before I *came*, and it is *now* increased unto a multitude; and the LORD hath blessed thee since my coming: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? And he 31 said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed *and* keep thy flock: I will pass through all thy flock to-day, 32 removing from thence all the speckled and spotted cattle, and all the brown cattle among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and *of such* shall be my hire. So 33 shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, when it

shall come for my hire before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. And Laban said, 34 Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. And he removed that day the he-goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, 35 and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, *and every* one that had *some* white in it, and all the brown among the sheep, and gave *them* into the hands of his sons. And he set three- 36 days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

AND Jacob took him rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and 37 chestnut tree; and pilled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which *was* in the rods. And he set the rods, which 38 he had pilled, before the flocks in the gutters in the watering-troughs, when the flocks came to drink, that they should conceive when they came to drink. And the flocks conceived before 39 the rods, and brought forth cattle ring-streaked, speckled, and spotted. And Jacob did separate the lambs, and set the faces of 40 the flocks toward the ring-streaked, and all the brown in the flock of Laban; and he put his own flocks by themselves, and put them not unto Laban's cattle. And it came to pass, whensoever 41 the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the cattle in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods. But when the cattle were feeble, he put *them* 42 not in: so the feebler were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. And the man increased exceedingly, and had much cattle, and 43 maid-servants, and men-servants, and camels, and asses.

AND he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath 31 taken away all that *was* our father's; and of *that* which *was* our father's hath he gotten all this glory. And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it *was* not toward him as before. And the LORD said unto Jacob, Return unto the land 3 of thy fathers, and to thy kindred: and I will be with thee. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto 4 his flock, 'and said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. And ye know that with all my power I 5 have served your father. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. If he said thus, 'The speckled shall be thy wages; 6 then all the cattle bare speckled: and if he said thus, 'The ring-streaked shall be thy hire; then bare all the cattle ring-streaked. Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given 7 *them* to me. And it came to pass at the time that the cattle conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the cattle *were* ring-streaked, speckled, and grised. And the angel of God spake unto me 8 in a dream, *saying*, Jacob: And I said, Here *am* I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the rams which leap upon the cattle *are* ring-streaked, speckled, and grised: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. I *am* the God of Beth-el, where 9

thou anointedst the pillar, *and* where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy kindred. And Rachel and Leah answered and said 14 unto him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? 'Are we not counted of him strangers? for he 15 hath sold us, and hath quite devoured also our money. For all 16 the riches which God hath taken from our father, that *is* our's, and our children's: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives 17 upon camels; and he carried away all his cattle, and all his 18 goods which he had gotten, the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Padan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. And Laban went to shear his sheep: and 19 Rachel had stolen the images that *were* her father's. And Ja- 20 cob stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that he fled. So he fled with all that he had; and he 21 rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face *toward* the mount Gilead.

AND it was told Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. 22 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven 23 days' journey; and they overtook him in the mount Gilead. And 24 God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said unto him, Take heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 'Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched 25 his tent in the mount: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount of Gilead. And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou 26 done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters, as captives *taken* with the sword? Where- 27 fore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? and hast not suf- 28 fered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? thou hast now done foolishly in *so* doing. It is in the power of my hand to do you 29 hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. And now, *though* thou wouldest needs be gone, because 30 thou sore longedst after thy father's house, *yet* wherefore hast thou stolen my gods? And Jacob answered and said to Laban, 31 Because I was afraid: for I said, Peradventure thou wouldest take by force thy daughters from me. With whomsoever thou 32 findest thy gods, let him not live: before our brethren discern thou what *is* thine with me, and take *it* to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them. And Laban went into Jacob's 33 tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the two maid-servants' tents; but he found *them* not. Then went he out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. Now Rachel had taken the images, 34 and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban searched all the tent, but found *them* not. And she said 35 to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom of women *is* upon me. And he searched, but found not the images. And Jacob was wroth, 36

and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? Whereas thou hast searched all my stuff, 37 what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us both. This twenty years *have I been* with thee: thy ewes 38 and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. That which was torn of *beasts* I brought 39 not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night. Thus I was; in the 40 day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from mine eyes. Thus have I been twenty years 41 in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy cattle: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, 42 and the fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst sent me away now empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked *thee* yesternight. And Laban 43 answered and said unto Jacob, *These daughters are* my daughters, and *these children are* my children, and *these cattle are* my cattle, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they have 44 born? Now therefore come thou, let us make a covenant. I and 45 thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. And 46 Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. And Jacob said 47 unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and they did eat there upon the heap. And Laban 48 called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. And 49 Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed; 'and Mizpah: 50 for he said, The LORD watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. If thou shalt afflict my daughters, 51 or if thou shalt take *other* wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt me and thee. And Laban 52 said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold *this* pillar, which I have cast betwixt me and thee; this heap *be* witness, and *this* 53 pillar *be* witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the 54 God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob swore by the fear of his father Isaac. Then Jacob offered sacrifice upon the 55 mount, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mount. And early in the 56 morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

AND Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 32 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim. 2

AND Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother 3 unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. And he commanded 4 them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord Esau; Thy ser-

vant Jacob saith thus, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed there until now: and I have oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight. And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed: and he divided the people that *was* with him, and the flocks, and herds, and the camels, into two bands; and said, if Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the other company which is left shall escape. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will deal well with thee: I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, *and* the mother with the children. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. And he lodged there that same night; and took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother; two hundred she-goats, and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, 'thirty milch camels with their colts, forty kine, and ten bulls, twenty she-asses, and ten foals. And he delivered *them* into the hand of his servants, every drove by themselves; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose *art* thou? and whither goest thou? and whose *are* these before thee? Then thou shalt say, *They be* thy servant Jacob's; it *is* a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, also he *is* behind us. And so commanded he the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. And say ye moreover, Behold, thy servant Jacob *is* behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept of me. So went the present over before him: and himself lodged that night in the company. And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the brook, and sent over that he had.

AND Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. ' And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What *is* thy name? and he said, Jacob. And he

said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked *him*, and said, Tell *me*, I pray thee, 29 thy name. And he said, Wherefore *is it that* thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there. ' And Jacob called the 30 name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. And as he passed over Penuel the sun rose 31 upon him, and he halted upon his thigh. Therefore the children 32 of Israel eat not *of* the sinew which shrank, which *is* upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

AND Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau 33 came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two hand- 2 maids. And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, 2 and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hinder- 3 most. And he passed over before them, and bowed himself to 3 the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. And 4 Esau ran to meet him; and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept. And he lifted up his eyes, and 5 saw the women and the children; and said, Who *are* those with thee? And he said, The children which God hath graciously given thy servant. Then the handmaidens came near, they 6 and their children, and they bowed themselves. And Leah also 7 with her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. And 8 he said, What *meanest* thou by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace in the sight of my lord. And 9 Esau said, I have enough, my brother; keep that thou hast unto thyself. And Jacob said, Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found 10 grace in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand: for therefore I have seen thy face, as though I had seen the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. Take, I pray thee, my 11 blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took *it*. And he said, Let us take our journey, and 12 let us go, and I will go before thee. And he said unto him, 13 My lord knoweth that the children *are* tender, and the flocks and herds with young *are* with me: and if men should over-drive them one day, all the flock will die. Let my lord, I pray thee, 14 pass over before his servant: and I will lead on softly, according as the cattle that goeth before me and the children be able to endure, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. And Esau said, 15 Let me now leave with thee *some* of the folk that *are* with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find grace in the sight of my lord. So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 16

AND Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built him an house, and 17 made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called Succoth.

AND Jacob came to Shalem, a city of Shechem, which *is* in 18 the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; and pitched

his tent before the city. And he bought a parcel of a field, 19
 where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of
 Hamor, Shechem's father, for an hundred pieces of money. And 20
 he erected there an altar, and called it El-elohe-Israel.

AND Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, 34
 went out to see the daughters of the land. And when Shechem 2
 the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he
 took her, and lay with her, and defiled her. And his soul clave 3
 unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and
 spake kindly unto the damsel. And Shechem spake unto his 4
 father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. And Jacob 5
 heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter: now his sons
 were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until 6
 they were come. And Hamor the father of Shechem went out 7
 unto Jacob to commune with him. And the sons of Jacob came
 out of the field when they heard *it*: and the men were grieved,
 and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in
 Israel in lying with Jacob's daughter; which thing ought not to
 be done. And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul 8
 of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you give
 her him to wife. And make ye marriages with us, *and* give your 9
 daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. And ye 10
 shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell
 and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. And Shechem 11
 said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find grace
 in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. Ask 12
 me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as
 ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. And 13
 the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father de-
 ceitfully, and said, Because he had defiled Dinah their sister:
 and they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our 14
 sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that *were* a reproach unto
 us: 'but in this will we consent unto you: If ye will be as we 15
be, that every male of you be circumcised; then will we give 16
 our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us,
 and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people.
 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will 17
 we take our daughter, and we will be gone. And their words 18
 pleased Hamor, and Shechem, Hamor's son. And the young 19
 man deferred not to do the thing, because he had delight in Ja-
 cob's daughter: and he *was* more honorable than all the house
 of his father. And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the 20
 gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city,
 saying, 'These men *are* peaceable with us; therefore let them 21
 dwell in the land, and trade therein; for the land, behold, *it is*
 large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for
 wives, and let us give them our daughters. Only herein will the 22
 men consent unto us for to dwell with us, to be one people, if
 every male among us be circumcised, as they *are* circumcised.
Shall not their cattle and their substance and every beast of 23
 their's *be* our's? only let us consent unto them, and they will

dwell with us. And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son 24
 hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every
 male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.
 And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, 25
 that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren,
 took each man his sword, and came upon the city boldly, and
 slew all the males. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his 26
 son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of She-
 chem's house, and went out. The sons of Jacob came upon 27
 the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their
 sister. They took their sheep, and their oxen, and their asses. 28
 and that which *was* in the city, and that which *was* in the field,
 'and all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives 29
 took they captive, and spoiled even all that *was* in the house.
 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me to 30
 make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the
 Canaanites and the Perizzites: and *i being* few in number, they
 shall gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and
 I shall be destroyed, I and my house. And they said, Should he 31
 deal with our sister as with an harlot?

AND God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell 32
 there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto
 thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.
 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that *were* with 2
 him, Put away the strange gods that *are* among you, and be
 clean, and change your garments: and let us arise, and go up to 3
 Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered
 me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which 4
 I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which
were in their hand, and *all their* earrings which *were* in their ears: 5
 and Jacob hid them under the oak which *was* by Shechem. And
 they journeyed: and the terror of God was upon the cities that 6
were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons
 of Jacob. So Jacob came to Luz, which *is* in the land of Ca- 6
 naan, that *is* Beth-el, he and all the people that *were* with him.
 And he built there an altar, and called the place El-beth-el: be- 7
 cause there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face
 of his brother.

BUT Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried be- 8
 neath Beth-el under an oak: and the name of it was called
 Allon-bachuth.

AND God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came out of 9
 Padan-aram, and blessed him. And God said unto him, Thy 10
 name *is* Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob,
 but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.
 And God said unto him, *I am* God Almighty: be fruitful and 11
 multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee,
 and kings shall come out of thy loins; and the land which I 12
 gave Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed
 after thee will I give the land. And God went up from him in 13
 the place where he talked with him. And Jacob set up a pillar 14

in the place where he talked with him, *even* a pillar of stone :
and he poured a drink-offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon.
And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with 15
him, Beth-el.

AND they journeyed from Beth-el ; and there was but a little 16
way to come to Ephrath : and Rachel travailed, and she had hard
labor. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that 17
the midwife said unto her, Fear not : thou shalt have this son
also. And it came to pass as her soul was in departing, (for she 18
died) that she called his name Ben-oni : but his father called him
Benjamin. And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to 19
Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. And Jacob set a pillar upon her 20
grave : that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

AND Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower 21
of Edar. And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, 22
that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine :
and Israel heard *it*.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve : 'The sons of Leah ; 23
Reuben, Jacob's first-born, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah,
and Issachar, and Zebulun : the sons of Rachel : Joseph, and 24
Benjamin : and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid ; Dan, 25
and Naphtali : and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid ; Gad, 26
and Asher : these *are* the sons of Jacob, which were born to him
in Padan-aram.

AND Jacob came unto Isaac his father unto Mamre, unto the 27
city of Arbah, which is Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac
sojourned. And the days of Isaac were an hundred and four- 28
score years. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was 29
gathered unto his people, *being* old and full of days : and his sons
Esau and Jacob buried him.

NOW these *are* the generations of Esau, who is Edom. 36
Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan ; Adah the 2
daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of
Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite : and Bashemath, Ish- 3
mael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth. And Adah bare to Esau 4
Eliphaz ; and Bashemath bare Reuel ; 'and Aholibamah bare 5
Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah : these *are* the sons of Esau,
which were born unto him in the land of Canaan. And Esau 6
took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the per-
sons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his
substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan ; and went
into the country from the face of his brother Jacob. For their 7
riches were more than that they might dwell together ; and the
land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because
of their cattle. Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir : Esau is Edom. 8

AND these *are* the generations of Esau the father of the Edom- 9
ites in mount Seir : these *are* the names of Esau's sons : Eliphaz 10
the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath
the wife of Esau. And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, 11
Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. And Timna was concubine to 12
Eliphaz, Esau's son ; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek : these

were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. And these *are* the sons of 13
 Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were
 the sons of Bashemath, Esau's wife. And these were the sons of 14
 Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon,
 Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jaalam, and Korah.
 These *were* dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the 15
 first-born son of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho,
 duke Kenaz, 'duke Korah, duke Gatam, and duke Amalek: 16
 these *are* the dukes *that came* of Eliphaz in the land of Edom;
 these *were* the sons of Adah. And these *are* the sons of Reuel, 17
 Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke
 Mizzah: these *are* the dukes *that came* of Reuel in the land of
 Edom; these *are* the sons of Bashemath, Esau's wife. And these 18
are the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife; duke Jeush, duke
 Jaalam, duke Korah: these *were* the dukes *that came* of Aholi-
 bamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. These *are* the sons 19
 of Esau, who *is* Edom, and these *are* their dukes.

THESE *are* the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; 20
 Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, 'and Dishon, and Ezer. 21
 and Dishan: these *are* the dukes of the Horites, the children of
 Seir in the land of Edom. And the children of Lotan were Hori 22
 and Heman; and Lotan's sister *was* Timna. And the children 23
 of Shobal *were* these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, Shepho,
 and Onam. And these *are* the children of Zibeon; both Ajah. 24
 and Anah: this *was* that Anah that found the mules in the wil-
 derness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. And the children 25
 of Anah *were* these; Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of
 Anah. And these *are* the children of Dishon; Hemdan, and 26
 Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. The children of Ezer *are* 27
 these; Bilhan, and Zaavan, and Akan. The children of Dishan 28
are these; Uz, and Aran. These *are* the dukes *that came* of the 29
 Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah,
 'duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these *are* the dukes 30
that came of Hori, among their dukes in the land of Seir.

AND these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom. 31
 before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. And 32
 Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom: and the name of his city
was Dinhabah. And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of 33
 Bozrah reigned in his stead. And Jobab died, and Husham of 34
 the land of Temani reigned in his stead. And Husham died, and 35
 Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab,
 reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Avith. And 36
 Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. And 37
 Samlah died, and Saul of Rehoboth *by* the river reigned in his
 stead. And Saul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned 38
 in his stead. And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and Hadar 39
 reigned in his stead: and the name of his city *was* Pau: and his
 wife's name *was* Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daugh-
 ter of Mezahab.

AND these *are* the names of the dukes *that came* of Esau, ac- 40
 cording to their families, after their places, by their names;

duke Timnah, duke Alvah, duke Jetheth, ' duke Aholibamah, 41
 duke Elah, duke Pinon, ' duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mib- 42
 zar, ' duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these *be* the dukes of Edom, 43
 according to their habitations in the land of their possession: he
 is Esau the father of the Edomites.

AND Jacob dwelt in the land wherein his father was a stranger. 37
 in the land of Canaan. These *are* the generations of Jacob, 2
 Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his
 brethren: and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the
 sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his
 father their evil report. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all 3
 his children, because he *was* the son of his old age: and he made
 him a coat of *many* colors. And when his brethren saw that 4
 their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated
 him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

AND Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told *it* his brethren: 5
 and they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, 6
 I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed: for, behold, we 7
were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose, and
 also stood upright: and, behold, your sheaves stood round about,
 and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to 8
 him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have
 dominion over us? and they hated him yet the more for his
 dreams, and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, 9
 and told it his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed a
 dream more: and, behold, the sun and the moon and the eleven
 stars made obeisance to me. And he told *it* to his father, and to 10
 his brethren: and his father rebuked him, and said unto him,
 What *is* this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy
 mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to
 thee to the earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father 11
 observed the saying.

AND his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 12
 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed *the* flock 13
 in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he
 said to him, Here *am* I. And he said to him, Go, I pray thee, 14
 see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the
 flocks: and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the
 vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. And a certain man 15
 found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field: and the
 man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? And he said, I seek 16
 my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they feed *their* flocks.
 And the man said, They are departed hence: for I heard them 17
 say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren,
 and found them in Dothan. And when they saw him afar off, 18
 even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him
 to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer 19
 cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him 20
 into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured
 him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. And 21
 Reuben heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands; and

said, Let us not kill him. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood, *but* cast him into this pit that *is* in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him: that he might rid him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stript Joseph out of his coat, *his* coat of *many* colors that *was* on him; and they took him, and cast him into a pit: and the pit *was* empty, *there was* no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit *is it* if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him: for he *is* our brother *and* our flesh. And his brethren were content. Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the pit: and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child *is* not: and I, whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood: and they sent the coat of *many* colors, and they brought *it* to their father; and said, This have we found; know now whether it *be* thy son's coat or no. And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat: an evil beast hath devoured him: Joseph *is* without doubt rent in pieces. And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him: but he refused to be comforted: and he said, For I will go down into the grave unto my son mourning. Thus his father wept for him. And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, whose name *was* Hirah. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite, whose name *was* Shuah: and he took her, and went in unto her. And she conceived, and bare a son: and he called his name Er. And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she called his name Onan. And she yet again conceived, and bare a son: and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare him. And Judah took a wife for Er his first-born, whose name *was* Tamar. And Er, Judah's first-born, was wicked in the sight of the LORD: and the LORD slew him. And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled *it* on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. And the thing which he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also. Then said

Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren *did*. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath: for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife. When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way-side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed; behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern. I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. And it came to pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: therefore his name was called Pharez. And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zarah.

AND Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an **39**
 officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him
 of the hands of the Ishmaelites, which had brought him down
 thither. And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosper- 2
 ous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian.
 And his master saw that the LORD *was* with him, and that the 3
 LORD made all that he did to prosper in his hand. And Joseph 4
 found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him
 overseer over his house, and all *that* he had he put into his hand.
 And it came to pass from the time *that* he had made him over- 5
 seer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed
 the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the
 LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. 6
 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not
 aught he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph
 was a goodly person, and well-favored.

AND it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife 7
 cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she said, Lie with me. But he 8
 refused, and said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master
 wotteth not what *is* with me in the house, and he hath committed
 all that he hath to my hand; *there is* none greater in this house 9
 than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee,
 because thou *art* his wife: how then can I do this great wicked- 10
 ness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to
 Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by
 her, *or* to be with her. And it came to pass about this time, that 11
 Joseph went into the house to do his business; and *there was*
 none of the men of the house there within. And she caught 12
 him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his gar-
 ment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. And it came to 13
 pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand,
 and was fled forth, that she called unto the men of her house, 14
 and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew
 unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I
 cried with a loud voice: and it came to pass, when he heard 15
 that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with
 me, and fled, and got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, 16
 until his lord came home. And she spake unto him according 17
 to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast
 brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: and it came to 18
 pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment
 with me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master 19
 heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying,
 After this manner did thy servant to me: that his wrath was
 kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the 20
 prison, a place where the king's prisoners *were* bound: and he
 was there in the prison. But the LORD was with Joseph, and 21
 showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper
 of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Jo- 22
 seph's hand all the prisoners that *were* in the prison; and what-
 soever they did there, he was the doer *of* it. The keeper of 23

the prison looked not to any thing *that was* under his hand ; because the LORD was with him, and *that* which he did, the LORD made *it* to prosper.

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* the butler of the 40
king of Egypt and *his* baker had offended their lord the king of
Egypt. And Pharaoh was wroth against two *of* his officers, 2
against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the ba-
kers. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of 3
the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph *was* bound.
And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and 4
he served them : and they continued a season in ward.

AND they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream 5
in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his
dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which 6
were bound in the prison. And Joseph came in unto them in the
morning, and looked upon them. and, behold, they *were* sad. 7
And he asked Pharaoh's officers that *were* with him in the ward
of his lord's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day ?
And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there* 8
is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, *Do* not in-
terpretations *belong* to God ? tell me *them*, I pray you. And the 9
chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my
dream, behold, a vine *was* before me : and in the vine *were* three 10
branches : and it *was* as though it budded, *and* her blossoms shot
forth ; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe grapes : and 11
Pharaoh's cup *was* in my hand : and I took the grapes, and pressed
them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's
hand. And Joseph said unto him. This *is* the interpretation of 12
it: the three branches *are* three days : 'yet within three days 13
shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place :
and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the
former manner when thou wast his butler. But think on me 14
when it shall be well with thee. and show kindness, I pray thee,
unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me
out of this house : for indeed I was stolen away out of the land 15
of the Hebrews : and here also have I done nothing that they
should put me into the dungeon. When the chief baker saw 16
that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also *was*
in my dream, and, behold, I *had* three white baskets on my head :
and in the uppermost basket *there was* of all manner of bake- 17
meats for Pharaoh : and the birds did eat them out of the basket
upon my head. And Joseph answered and said, This *is* the in- 18
terpretation thereof: The three baskets *are* three days : 'yet 19
within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee,
and shall hang thee on a tree ; and the birds shall eat thy flesh
from off thee. And it came to pass the third day, *which was* Pha- 20
araoh's birth-day, that he made a feast unto all his servants : and
he lifted up the head of the chief butler and of the chief baker
among his servants. And he restored the chief butler unto his 21
butlership again ; and he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand :

but he hanged the chief baker : as Joseph had interpreted to 22
them. Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot 23
him.

AND it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pha-41
raoh dreamed : and, behold, he stood by the river. And, behold, 2
there came up out of the river seven well-favored kine and fat-
fleshed ; and they fed in a meadow. And, behold, seven other 3
kin came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-
fleshed ; and stood by the *other* kine upon the brink of the river.
And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven 4
well-favored and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. 'And he 5
slept and dreamed the second time : and, behold, seven ears
of corn came up upon one stalk, rank and good. And, be- 6
hold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up
after them. And the seven thin ears devoured the seven rank 7
and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, *it was* a dream.
And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled ; 8
and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the
wise men thereof : and Pharaoh told them his dreams ; but *there*
was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

THEN spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do re- 9
member my faults this day : Pharaoh was wroth with his ser- 10
vants, and put me in ward in the captain of the guard's house,
both me and the chief baker : and we dreamed a dream in one 11
night, I and he ; we dreamed each man according to the inter-
pretation of his dream. And *there was* there with us a young 12
man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard ; and we
told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams ; to each man ac-
cording to his dream he did interpret. And it came to pass, as 13
he interpreted to us, so it was ; me he restored unto mine office,
and him he hanged.

THEN Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him 14
hastily out of the dungeon : and he shaved *himself*, and changed
his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto 15
Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can in-
terpret it : and I have heard say of thee, *that* thou canst under-
stand a dream to interpret it. And Joseph answered Pharaoh, 16
saying, *It is* not in me : God shall give Pharaoh an answer of
peace. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I 17
stood upon the bank of the river : and, behold, there came up 18
out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favored ; and
they fed in a meadow : and, behold, seven other kine came up 19
after them, poor and very ill-favored and lean-fleshed, such as I
never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness : and the lean and 20
the ill-favored kine did eat up the first seven fat kine : and 21
when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they
had eaten them ; but they *were* still ill-favored, as at the begin-
ning. So I awoke. 'And I saw in my dream, and, behold, 22
seven ears came up in one stalk, full and good : and, behold, 23
seven ears, withered, thin, *and* blasted with the east wind,
sprung up after them : and the thin ears devoured the seven 24

good ears : and I told *this* unto the magicians ; but *there was* none that could declare *it* to me. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, 25
The dream of Pharaoh is one : God hath showed Pharaoh what he is about to do. The seven good kine *are* seven years ; and 26
the seven good ears *are* seven years : the dream is one. And 27
the seven thin and ill-favored kine that came up after them *are* seven years ; and the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. This *is* the thing which 28
I have spoken unto Pharaoh : What God *is* about to do he showeth unto Pharaoh. Behold, there come seven years of 29
great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt : and there shall 30
arise after them seven years of famine ; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt ; and the famine shall consume the land ; and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason 31
of that famine following ; for it *shall be* very grievous. And for 32
that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice ; *it is* because the thing *is* established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and 33
wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do *this*, 34
and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. And let 35
them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. And that food shall be for store to the land against 36
the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt ; that the land perish not through the famine.

AND the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the 37
eyes of all his servants. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, 38
Can we find *such a one* as this *is*, a man in whom the Spirit of God *is* ? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath 39
showed thee all this, *there is* none so discreet and wise as thou *art* : thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word 40
shall all my people be ruled : only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee 41
over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his ring from 42
his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck ; and he 43
made him to ride in the second chariot which he had ; and they cried before him, Bow the knee : and he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I *am* 44
Pharaoh and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name 45
Zaphnath-paaneah ; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On.

AND Joseph went out over *all* the land of Egypt. ' And Joseph 46
was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. And in the seven plenteous 47
years the earth brought forth by handfuls. And he gathered 48
up all the food of the seven years, which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities : the food of the field,

which *was* round about every city, laid he up in the same. And 49
Joseph gathered corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until
he left numbering; for *it was* without number.

AND unto Joseph were born two sons before the years of 50
famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest
of On bare unto him. And Joseph called the name of the first- 51
born Manasseh: For God, *said he*, hath made me forget all my
toil, and all my father's house. And the name of the second 52
called he Ephraim: For God hath caused me to be fruitful in the
land of my affliction.

AND the seven years of plenteousness, that was in the land of 53
Egypt, were ended. And the seven years of dearth began to 54
come, according as Joseph had said: and the dearth was in all
lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. And when 55
all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh
for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto
Joseph: what he saith to you, do. And the famine was over 56
all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the store-houses,
and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the
land of Egypt. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for 57
to buy *corn*; because that the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

NOW when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob 58
said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? And he 2
said, Behold I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you
down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and
not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy corn in 3
Egypt. But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his 4
brethren: for he said, Lest peradventure mischief befall him.
And the sons of Israel came to buy *corn* among those that came: 5
for the famine was in the land of Canaan.

AND Joseph *was* the governor over the land, *and he it was* that 6
sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came,
and bowed down themselves before him *with* their faces to the
earth. And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but 7
made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them;
and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From
the land of Canaan to buy food. And Joseph knew his brethren, 8
but they knew not him. And Joseph remembered the dreams 9
which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye *are* spies:
to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. And they said 10
unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.
We *are* all one man's sons; we *are* true *men*, thy servants are 11
no spies. And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the naked-
ness of the land ye are come. And they said, Thy servants *are* 12
twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan;
and, behold, the youngest *is* this day with our father, and one *is*
not. And Joseph said unto them, That *is it* that I spake unto you, 14
saying, Ye *are* spies: ' hereby ye shall be proved: by the life of 15
Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother
come hither. Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, 16
and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved,

whether *there be any* truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye *are* spies. And he put them all together into ward 17 three days. And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, 18 and live; *for* I fear God: if ye *be true men*, let one of your 19 brethren be bound in the house of your prison: go ye, carry corn for the famine of your houses: but bring your youngest brother 20 unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. ¹ And they said one to another, *We are verily* 21 guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come upon us. And Reuben answered them, 22 saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore, behold, also his blood is required. And they knew not that Joseph understood *them*; for 23 he spake unto them by an interpreter. And he turned himself 24 about from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and communed with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. Then Joseph commanded to fill their 25 sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus did he unto them.

AND they laded their asses with the corn, and departed thence. 26 And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in 27 the inn, he espied his money; for, behold, it *was* in his sack's mouth. And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; 28 and, lo, *it is* even in my sack: and their heart failed *them*, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What *is* this *that* God 29 hath done unto us? And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them, saying, ¹ The man, *who is* the lord of the land, spake roughly to us, 30 and took us for spies of the country. And we said unto him, *We* 31 *are true men*; we are no spies: we *be* twelve brethren, sons of 32 our father; one *is* not, and the youngest *is* this day with our father in the land of Canaan. And the man, the lord of the 33 country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye *are true men*: leave one of your brethren *here* with me, and take *food* for the 34 famine of your households, and be gone: and bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye *are* no spies, but 35 *that ye are true men*: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land. And it came to pass as they emptied 36 their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money *was* in his sack: and when *both* they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. And Jacob their father said unto them, 37 Me have ye bereaved of *my children*: Joseph *is* not, and Simeon *is* not, and ye will take Benjamin *away*: all these things are against me. And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay 38 my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. And he said, My son 39 shall not go down with you: for his brother is dead, and he is left alone: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

AND the famine *was* sore in the land. 'And it came to pass, **43**
 when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out
 of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little
 food. And Judah spake unto him, saying, The man did sel- **3**
 emnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except
 your brother *be* with you. If thou wilt send our brother with **4**
 us, we will go down and buy thee food: but if thou wilt not **5**
 send *him*, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye
 shall not see my face, except your brother *be* with you. And **6**
 Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye *so* ill with me, *as* to tell the man
 whether ye had yet a brother? And they said, The man asked **7**
 us straitly of our state, and of our kindred, saying, *Is* your father
 yet alive? have ye *another* brother? and we told him according
 to the tenor of these words: could we certainly know that he
 would say, Bring your brother down? And Judah said unto **8**
 Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and
 go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, *and* also
 our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou **9**
 require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before
 thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: for except we had **10**
 lingered, surely now we had returned this second time. And **11**
 their father Israel said unto them, If *it must be* so now, do this;
 take of the best fruits in the land in your vessels, and carry down
 the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and
 myrrh, nuts, and almonds: and take double money in your hand; **12**
 and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your
 sacks, carry *it* again in your hand: peradventure it *was* an over-
 sight: take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: **13**
 and God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may **14**
 send away your other brother, and Benjamin. If I be bereaved
of my children, I am bereaved.

AND the men took that present, and they took double money **15**
 in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to
 Egypt, and stood before Joseph. And when Joseph saw Benja- **16**
 min with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men
 home, and slay, and make ready; for *these* men shall dine with
 me at noon. And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man **17**
 brought the men into Joseph's house. And the men were afraid, **18**
 because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said,
 Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first
 time are we brought in; that he may seek occasion against us,
 and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. And **19**
 they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they com-
 muned with him at the door of the house, 'and said, O sir, we **20**
 came indeed down at the first time to buy food: and it came to **21**
 pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and,
 behold, *every* man's money *was* in the mouth of his sack, our
 money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.
 And other money have we brought down in our hands to buy **22**
 food: we cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. And he **23**
 said, Peace *be* to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your

father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them. ' And the man brought 24 the men into Joseph's house, and gave *them* water, and they washed their feet; and he gave their asses provender. And 25 they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they should eat bread there. And when Joseph 26 came home, they brought him the present which *was* in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the earth. And he asked them of *their* welfare, and said, *Is* your father 27 well, the old man of whom ye spake? *Is* he yet alive? ' And 28 they answered, Thy servant our father *is* in good health, he *is* yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and made obeisance. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, 29 his mother's son, and said, *Is* this your younger brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon 30 his brother: and he sought *where* to weep; and he entered into *his* chamber, and wept there. And he washed his face, and 31 went out, and refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. And 32 they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that *is* an abomination unto the Egyptians. And they sat before 33 him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another. And he took *and sent* messes unto them from before him: but 34 Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of their's. And they drank, and were merry with him. And he commanded the 35 steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of 2 the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken.

As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, 3 they and their asses. And when they were gone out of the city, 4 *and not yet far off*, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? *Is* not this *it* in 5 which my lord drinketh, and whereby indeed he divineth? ye have done evil in so doing. And he overtook them, and he 6 spake unto them these same words. And they said unto him, 7 Wherefore saith my lord these words? God forbid that thy servants should do according to this thing: behold, the money, 8 which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, both let him die, and we also will be my lord's 9 bondmen. And he said, Now also *let it be* according unto your 10 word: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; and ye shall be blameless. Then they speedily took down every man 11 his sack to the ground, and opened every man his sack. And 12

he searched, *and* began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. Then they rent 13
 their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city. And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; for 14
 he *was* yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. And 15
 Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? wot ye not that such a man as I can certainly divine? And 16
 Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we *are* my lord's servants, both we, and *he* also with whom the cup is found. And he said, 17
 God forbid that I should do so: *but* the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant; and as for you, get you up in peace unto your father. Then Judah came near unto him, and 18
 said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou *art* even as Pharaoh. My lord asked his servants, say- 19
 ing, Have ye a father, or a brother? And we said unto my lord, 20
 We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and his father loveth him. And thou saidst unto thy servants, 21
 Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father, for 22
if he should leave his father, *his father* would die. And thou 23
 saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. And it came to 24
 pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. And our father said, Go again, *and* buy 25
 us a little food. And we said, We cannot go down: if our 26
 youngest brother be with us, then will we go down: for we may not see the man's face, except our youngest brother *be* with us. And thy servant my father said unto us, Ye know that my wife 27
 bare me two *sons*: and the one went out from me, and I said, 28
 Surely he is torn in pieces; and I saw him not since: and if ye 29
 take this also from me, and mischief befall him, ye shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. Now therefore 30
 when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad *be* not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life; 'it shall come 31
 to pass, when he seeth that the lad *is* not *with us*, that he will die: and thy servants shall bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. For thy servant 32
 became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then I shall bear the blame to my father for ever. Now therefore, I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the 33
 lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad *be* 34
 not with me? lest peradventure I see the evil that shall come on my father.

THEN Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that 45
 stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made

himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud : and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard. And Joseph said unto his brethren, *I am Joseph* : doth my father yet live ? And his brethren could not answer him ; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, *I am Joseph your brother*, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither : for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years *hath the famine been* in the land : and yet *there are five years*, in the which *there shall neither be* earing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. So now *it was* not you *that sent me* hither, but God : and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt : come down unto me, tarry not : 'and thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children's children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast : and there will I nourish thee ; for yet *there are five years* of famine ; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaketh unto you. And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen : and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept ; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them : and after that his brethren talked with him. And the fame thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brethren are come ; and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye ; lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan ; and take your father and your households, and come unto me : and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. Now thou art commanded, this do ye ; take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. Also regard not your stuff ; for the good of all the land of Egypt is your's. And the children of Israel did so : and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. To all of them he gave each man changes of raiment ; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of raiment. And to his father he sent after this *manner* ; ten asses laden with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with corn and bread and meat for his father by the way. So he sent his brethren away, and they departed : and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way.

AND they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of

Canaan unto Jacob their father, 'and told him, saying, Joseph *is* 26
yet alive, and he *is* governor over all the land of Egypt. And
Jacob's heart fainted, for he believed them not. And they told 27
him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and
when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the
spirit of Jacob their father revived: and Israel said, *It is enough*; 28
Joseph my son *is* yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

AND Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came 46
to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father
Isaac. And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, 2
and said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here *am* I. ' And he said, 3
I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt;
for I will there make of thee a great nation: I will go down with 4
thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up *again*: 4
and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. And Jacob rose 5
up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their
father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which
Pharaoh had sent to carry him. And they took their cattle, 6
and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan,
and came into Egypt, Jacob, and all his seed with him; his sons, 7
and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters,
and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

AND these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which 8
came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob's first-born.
And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Phallu, and Hezron, and 9
Carmi. And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, 10
and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul, the son of a Canaanitish wo-
man. And the sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 11
And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Pharez. 12
And Zarah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And
the sons of Pharez were Hezron and Hamul. And the sons of 13
Issachar; Tola, and Phuvah, and Job, and Shimron. And the 14
sons of Zebulun; Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. These *be* the 15
sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with
his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his daughters
were thirty and three. And the sons of Gad; Ziphion, and 16
Haggai, Shuni, and Ezbon, Eri, and Arodi, and Areli. And the 17
sons of Asher; Jimnah, and Ishuah, and Isui, and Beriah, and
Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel.
These *are* the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his 18
daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, *even* sixteen souls. The 19
sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife; Joseph, and Benjamin. And unto 20
Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim,
which Asenath the daughter of Poti-pherah priest of On bare
unto him. And the sons of Benjamin *were* Belah, and Becher, 21
and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Ehi, and Rosh, Muppim, and
Huppim, and Ard. These *are* the sons of Rachel, which *were* 22
born to Jacob: all the souls *were* fourteen. And the sons of Dan; 23
Hushim. And the sons of Naphtali; Jahzeel, and Guni, and 24
Jezer, and Shillem. These *are* the sons of Bilhah, which La- 25
ban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bare these unto

Jacob: all the souls *were* seven. All the souls that came with 26
Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's
sons' wives, all the souls *were* threescore and six; and the sons 27
of Joseph, which were born him in Egypt, *were* two souls: all
the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, *were*
threescore and ten.

AND he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to direct his face 28
unto Goshen: and they came into the land of Goshen. And 29
Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his
father, to Goshen, and presented himself unto him; and he fell
on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. And Israel 30
said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, be-
cause thou *art* yet alive. And Joseph said unto his brethren, 31
and unto his father's house, I will go up, and show Pharaoh, and
say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which *were*
in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; and the men *are* 32
shepherds, for their trade hath been to feed cattle; and they
have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.
And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall 33
say, What *is* your occupation? that ye shall say, Thy servants' 34
trade hath been about cattle from our youth even until now,
both we, *and* also our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of
Goshen; for every shepherd *is* an abomination unto the Egypt-
ians.

THEN Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and 47
my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they
have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they
are in the land of Goshen. And he took some of his brethren, 2
even five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. And Pharaoh 3
said unto his brethren, What *is* your occupation? And they said
unto Pharaoh, Thy servants *are* shepherds, both we, *and* also our
fathers. They said moreover unto Pharaoh, For to sojourn in 4
the land are we come: for thy servants have no pasture for their
flocks; for the famine *is* sore in the land of Canaan: now there-
fore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen.
And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy 5
brethren are come unto thee: the land of Egypt *is* before thee; 6
in the best of the land make thy father and brethren to dwell;
in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest *any*
men of activity among them, then make them rulers over my
cattle. And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him 7
before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said 8
unto Jacob, How old *art* thou? And Jacob said unto Pharaoh. 9
The days of the years of my pilgrimage *are* an hundred and
thirty years: few and evil have the days of the years of my life
been, and have not attained unto the days of the years of the
life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. And Jacob 10
blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh. And Jo- 11
seph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a pos-
session in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land
of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph nourished 12

his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

AND *there was* no bread in all the land; for the famine *was* 13
very sore, so that the land of Egypt and *all* the land of Canaan
fainted by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all 14
the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land
of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought
the money into Pharaoh's house. And when money failed in the 15
land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians
came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we
die in thy presence? for the money faileth. And Joseph said, 16
Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money
fail. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph 17
gave them bread *in exchange* for horses, and for the flocks, and for
the cattle of the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with
bread for all their cattle for that year. When that year was 18
ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him,
We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent;
my lord also hath our herds of cattle; there is not aught left in
the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: wherefore 19
shall we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us
and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants
unto Pharaoh: and give *us* seed, that we may live, and not die,
that the land be not desolate. And Joseph bought all the land 20
of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his
field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land be-
came Pharaoh's. And as for the people, he removed them to 21
cities from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end
thereof. Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the 22
priests had a portion *assigned them* of Pharaoh, and did eat their
portion which Pharaoh gave them, wherefore they sold not their
lands. Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought 23
you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, *here is* seed for you,
and ye shall sow the land. And it shall come to pass in the in- 24
crease, that ye shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four
parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food,
and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones.
And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in 25
the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. And 26
Joseph made it a law over the land of Egypt unto this day, *that*
Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*: except the land of the
priests only, *which* became not Pharaoh's.

And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of 27
Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and grew, and multi-
plied exceedingly. And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seven- 28
teen years: so the whole age of Jacob was an hundred forty and
seven years. And the time drew nigh that Israel must die: and 29
he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found
grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh.
and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee,
in Egypt: but I will lie with my fathers, and thou shalt carry me 30

out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. ' And he said, Swear unto me. And 31
he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

AND it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, 48
Behold, thy father *is* sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, 2
thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God 3
Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, ' and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, 4
and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and will give this land to thy seed after thee *for* an everlasting possession. And now thy two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh, 5
which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, *are* mine: as Reuben and Simeon, they shall be mine. And thy issue, which thou begetteth after them, 6
shall be thine, *and* shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. And as for me, when I came from 7
Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when yet *there was* but a little way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way of Ephrath; the same *is* Beth- 8
lehem. And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who *are* these? 9
And Joseph said unto his father, They *are* my sons, whom God hath given me in this *place*. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. Now the eyes of Israel 10
were dim for age, *so that* he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. And 11
Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath showed me also thy seed. And Joseph brought 12
them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in 13
his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought *them* near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid *it* upon 14
Ephraim's head, who *was* the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh *was* the first-born. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before 15
whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, the Angel which redeemed 16
me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac: and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. And 17
when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this *is* 18
the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head. And his father 19
refused, and said, I know *it*, my son, I know *it*: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a

multitude of nations. And he blessed them that day, saying, In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. Moreover, I have given to thee one portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

AND Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you *that* which shall befall you in the last days.

2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob;

And hearken unto Israel your father.

3 REUBEN, thou art my first-born,
My might, and the beginning of my strength,
The excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power:

4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel;
Because thou wentest up to thy father's bed;
Then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

5 SIMEON and LEVI are brethren:
Instruments of cruelty are in their habitations.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their secret;
Unto their assembly, mine honor, be not thou united:
For in their anger they slew a man,
And in their self-will they digged down a wall.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce;
And their wrath, for it was cruel:
I will divide them in Jacob,
And scatter them in Israel.

8 JUDAH, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise:
Thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies;
Thy father's children shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp:
From the prey, my son, thou art gone up:
He stooped down, he couched as a lion,
And as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,
Nor a lawgiver from between his feet,
Until SHILOH come;
And unto him shall the gathering of the people be.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine,
And his ass's colt unto the choice vine;
He washed his garments in wine,
And his clothes in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes shall be red with wine,
And his teeth white with milk.

13 ZEBULUN shall dwell at the haven of the sea;

And he shall be for an haven of ships;
And his border shall be unto Zidon.

14 ISSACHAR is a strong ass,
Couching down between two burdens:

15 And he saw that rest was good,
And the land that it was pleasant;
And bowed his shoulder to bear,
And became a servant unto tribute.

16 DAN shall judge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.

17 Dan shall be a serpent by the way,
An adder in the path,
That biteth the horse heels,
So that his rider shall fall backward.

18 I have waited for thy salvation, O LORD!

19 GAD, a troop shall overcome him:
But he shall overcome at the last.

20 Out of ASHER his bread shall be fat,
And he shall yield royal dainties.

21 NAPHTALI is a hind let loose:
He giveth goodly words.

22 JOSEPH is a fruitful bough,
Even a fruitful bough by a well;
Whose branches run over the wall:

23 The archers have sorely grieved him,
And shot at him, and hated him:

24 But his bow abode in strength,
And the arms of his hands were made strong
By the hands of the mighty God of Jacob;
(From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)

25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee;

And by the Almighty, who shall bless thee
With blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that lieth under,
Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb:

26 The blessings of thy father have prevailed
Above the blessings of my progenitors,
Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills:

They shall be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him
That was separate from his brethren.

27 BENJAMIN shall ravin as a wolf:
In the morning he shall devour the prey,
And at night he shall divide the spoil.

ALL these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them, and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. And he charged them and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite, ' in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a burying-

place. There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there 31
they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and there I buried
Leah. The purchase of the field and of the cave that *is* therein 32
was from the children of Heth. And when Jacob had made an 33
end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed,
and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

AND Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, 50
and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the phy- 2
sicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Is-
rael. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled 3
the days of those which are embalmed: and the Egyptians
mourned for him threescore and ten days. And when the days 4
of his mourning were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pha-
raoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I
pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, My father made me 5
swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I have digged for
me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now
therefore let me go up. I pray thee, and bury my father, and I
will come again. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, 6
according as he made thee swear.

AND Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went 7
up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all
the elders of the land of Egypt, and all the house of Joseph, and 8
his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and
their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.
And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and 9
it was a very great company. And they came to the threshing- 10
floor of Atad, which *is* beyond Jordan, and there they mourned
with a great and very sore lamentation: and he made a mourn-
ing for his father seven days. And when the inhabitants of the 11
land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad,
they said, This *is* a grievous mourning to the Egyptians: where-
fore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which *is* beyond 12
Jordan. And his sons did unto him according as he commanded 12
them: for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and 13
buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abra-
ham bought with the field for a possession of a burying-place of
Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. And Joseph returned into 14
Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to
bury his father, after he had buried his father.

AND when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, 15
they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly
requite us all the evil which we did unto him. And they sent 16
a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command be-
fore he died, saying, 'So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I 17
pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for
they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the
trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph
wept when they spake unto him. And his brethren also went 18
and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we *be* thy
servants. And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for *am* I in the 19

place of God? but as for you, ye thought evil against me; but 20
 God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save
 much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish 21
 you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake
 kindly unto them.

AND Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and 22
 Joseph lived an hundred and ten years. And Joseph saw Ephra- 23
 im's children of the third *generation*: the children also of Machir
 the son of Manasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees.
 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: and God will surely 24
 visit you, and bring you out of this land unto the land which he
 sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And Joseph took an 25
 oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you,
 and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, 26
being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him,
 and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

EXODUS.

NOW these *are* the names of the children of Israel, which 1
 came into Egypt; every man and his household came with Ja-
 cob. 'Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 'Issachar, Zebulun, 2,3
 and Benjamin, 'Dan, and Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 'And all 4,5
 the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls:
 for Joseph was in Egypt *already*. And Joseph died, and all his 6
 brethren, and all that generation. And the children of Israel 7
 were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and
 waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not 8
 Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the 9
 children of Israel *are* more and mightier than we: Come on, let 10
 us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to
 pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they join also unto
 our enemies, and fight against us, and *so* get them up out of the
 land. Therefore they did set over them task-masters to afflict 11
 them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh treasure
 cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, 12
 the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved be-
 cause of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the 13
 children of Israel to serve with rigor: and they made their lives 14
 bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all
 manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they
 made them serve, *was* with rigor.

AND the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of 15
 which the name of the one *was* Shiphrah, and the name of the

other Puah : and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stools ; if it *be* a son, then ye shall kill him : but if it *be* a daughter, then she shall live. But the midwives feared God, and did not as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men-children alive. And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive ? And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women *are* not as the Egyptian women ; for they are lively, and are delivered ere the midwives come in unto them. Therefore God dealt well with the midwives : and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them houses. And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

AND there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. And the woman conceived, and bare a son : and when she saw him that he *was* a goodly child, she hid him three months. And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child therein ; and she laid *it* in the flags by the river's brink. And his sister stood afar off, to wit what would be done to him. And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash *herself* at the river ; and her maidens walked along by the river's side ; and when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to fetch it. And when she had opened *it*, she saw the child : and, behold, the babe wept. And she had compassion on him, and said, This *is* one of the Hebrew's children. Then said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call to thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee ? And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give *thee* thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses : and she said, Because I drew him out of the water.

AND it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens : and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that *there was* no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together : and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow ? And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us ? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian ? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses.

BUT Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well. Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters: and they came and drew *water*, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. And the shepherds came and drove them away: but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. And when they came to Reuel their father, he said, *How is it that ye are come so soon to-day?* And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew *water* enough for us, and watered the flock. And he said unto his daughters, And where *is* he? why *is* it *that* ye have left the man? call him, that he may eat bread. And Moses was content to dwell with the man: and he gave Moses Zipperah his daughter. And she bare *him* a son, and he called his name Gershom: for he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

AND it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto *them*.

NOW Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed. And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses. Moses. And he said, Here *am* I. ' And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy ground. Moreover he said, *I am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face: for he was afraid to look upon God. And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their task-masters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. And Moses said unto God, Who *am* I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I

will be with thee; and this *shall be* a token unto thee, that I have sent thee: When thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. And Moses said 13
unto God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What *is* his name? what shall I say unto them? And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: 14
and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. And God said moreover unto 15
Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this *is* my name for ever, and this *is* my memorial unto all generations. Go, 16
and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *seen* that which is done to you in Egypt: and I have said, 17
I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice: 18
and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath met with us: and now let us go, we beseech thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. And I am sure that the king of Egypt will 19
not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. And I will stretch out 20
my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. And I 21
will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: but 22
every woman shall borrow of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put *them* upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

AND Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee. And the LORD said unto 2
him, What *is* that in thine hand? And he said, A rod. And he 3
said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. And the 4
LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand: that they may believe that the LORD God of 5
their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. And the LORD said 6
furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand *was* leprous as snow. And he said, Put thine 7
hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned

again as his *other* flesh. And it shall come to pass, if they will 8
not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign,
that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. And it shall 9
come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither
hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the
river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land*: and the water which thou
takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.

AND Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I *am* not elo- 10
quent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy
servant: but I *am* slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. And 11
the LORD said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who
maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not
I the LORD? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, 12
and teach thee what thou shalt say. And he said, O my LORD, 13
send, I pray thee, by the hand of *him whom* thou wilt send. And 14
the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses, and he said,
Is not Aaron the Levite thy brother? I know that he can speak
well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when
he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt 15
speak unto him, and put words in his mouth: and I will be with
thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye
shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and 16
he shall be, *even* he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, and thou
shalt be to him instead of God. And thou shalt take this rod in 17
thine hand, wherewith thou shalt do signs.

AND Moses went and returned to Jethro his father-in-law, and 18
said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren
which *are* in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And
Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. And the LORD said unto 19
Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead
which sought thy life. And Moses took his wife and his sons, 20
and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt:
and Moses took the rod of God in his hand. And the LORD 21
said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that
thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in
thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the
people go. And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the 22
LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my first-born: and I say unto thee, 23
Let my son go, that he may serve me: and if thou refuse to let
him go, behold, I will slay thy son, *even* thy first-born.

AND it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD 24
met him, and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a sharp 25
stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast *it* at his feet,
and said, Surely a bloody husband *art* thou to me. So he let 26
him go: then she said, A bloody husband *thou art*, because of
the circumcision.

AND the LORD said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet 27
Moses. And he went, and met him in the mount of God, and
kissed him. And Moses told Aaron all the words of the LORD 28
who had sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded
him.

AND Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the 29
elders of the children of Israel: and Aaron spake all the words 30
which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in
the sight of the people. And the people believed: and when 31
they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel,
and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed
their heads and worshipped.

AND afterward Moses and Aaron went in, and told Pharaoh, 5
Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Let my people go, that they
may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, 2
Who is the LORD, that I should obey his voice to let Israel go?
I know not the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. And they 3
said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we
pray thee, three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto
the LORD our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with 4
the sword. And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore
do ye, Moses and Aaron, let the people from their works? get
you unto your burdens. And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people 5
of the land now *are* many, and ye make them rest from their
burdens.

AND Pharaoh commanded the same day the task-masters of 6
the people, and their officers, saying, Ye shall no more give the 7
people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and
gather straw for themselves. And the tale of the bricks, which 8
they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not
diminish *ought* thereof: for they *be* idle; therefore they cry, say-
ing, Let us go *and* sacrifice to our God. Let there more work 9
be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein; and let them
not regard vain words. And the task-masters of the people went 10
out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus
saith Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. Go ye, get you straw 11
where ye can find it: yet not aught of your work shall be dimin-
ished. So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the 12
land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. And the task-
masters hastened *them*, saying, Fulfil your works, *your* daily tasks, 13
as when there was straw. And the officers of the children of 14
Israel, which Pharaoh's task-masters had set over them, were
beaten, *and* demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your
task in making brick both yesterday and to-day, as heretofore?
Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto 15
Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy servants?
There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, 16
Make brick: and, behold, thy servants *are* beaten; but the fault
is in thine own people. But he said, Ye *are* idle, *ye are* idle: 17
therefore ye say, Let us go *and* do sacrifice to the LORD. Go 18
therefore now, *and* work: for there shall no straw be given you,
yet shall ye deliver the tale of bricks. And the officers of the 19
children of Israel did see *that* they *were* in evil *case*, after it was
said, Ye shall not minish *ought* from your bricks of your daily
task. And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, 20
as they came forth from Pharaoh: and they said unto them, The 21

LORD, look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savor to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hand to slay us.

AND Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou so evil entreated this people? why is it *that* thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath done evil to this people: neither hast thou delivered thy people at all. Then the LORD said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for with a strong hand shall he let them go, and with a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I *am* the LORD: and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the *name of* God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, wherein they were strangers. And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I *am* the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning the which I did swear to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I *am* the LORD. And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. And Moses spake before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who *am* of uncircumcised lips? And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

THESE *be* the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel: Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these *be* the families of Reuben. And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these *are* the families of Simeon. And these *are* the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi *were* an hundred thirty and seven years. The sons of Gershon; Libni and Shimi, according to their families. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath *were* an hundred thirty and three years. And the sons of Merari; Mahali and Mushi: these *are* the families of Levi according to their genera-

tions. And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; 20
and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life
of Amram *were* an hundred and thirty and seven years. And 21
the sons of Izhar; Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. And the 22
sons of Uzziel; Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Zithri. And Aaron 23
took him Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab, sister of Naashon,
to wife; and she bare him Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and
Ithamar. And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abia- 24
saph: these *are* the families of the Korhites. And Eleazar 25
Aaron's son took him *one* of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and
she bare him Phinehas: these *are* the heads of the fathers of
the Levites according to their families. These *are* that Aaron 26
and Moses, to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of
Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. These 27
are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the
children of Israel from Egypt: these *are* that Moses and Aaron.

AND it came to pass on the day *when* the LORD spake unto 28
Moses in the land of Egypt, that the LORD spake unto Moses, 29
saying, *I am* the LORD: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt
all that I say unto thee. And Moses said before the LORD, Be- 30
hold, *I am* of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken
unto me? And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made 7
thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy
prophet. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron 2
thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send the children
of Israel out of his land. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and 3
multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. But 4
Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand
upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, *and* my people the
children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments.
And the Egyptians shall know that *I am* the LORD, when I 5
stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children
of Israel from among them. And Moses and Aaron did as the 6
LORD commanded them, so did they. And Moses *was* fourscore 7
years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they
spake unto Pharaoh.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 8
'When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a miracle 9
for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast
it before Pharaoh, *and* it shall become a serpent. And Moses 10
and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so as the LORD
had commanded: And Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh,
and before his servants, and it became a serpent. Then Pha- 11
raoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers: now the ma-
gicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their en-
chantments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they 12
became serpents; but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. And 13
he hardened Pharaoh's heart, that he hearkened not unto them;
as the LORD had said.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart *is* hardened, 14
he refuseth to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the 15

morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water: and thou shalt stand
 by the river's brink against he come: and the rod which was
 turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou 16
 shalt say unto him, The LORD God of the Hebrews hath sent
 me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve
 me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou wouldest not
 hear. Thus saith the LORD, in this thou shalt know that I *am* 17
 the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that *is* in mine hand
 upon the waters which *are* in the river, and they shall be turned
 to blood. And the fish that *is* in the river shall die, and the river 18
 shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the water
 of the river. And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, 19
 Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of
 Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their
 ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become
 blood; and *that* there may be blood throughout all the land of
 Egypt, both in *vessels of* wood, and in *vessels of* stone. And 20
 Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he
 lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that *were* in the river, in
 the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants: and all the
 waters that *were* in the river were turned to blood. And the 21
 fish that *was* in the river died; and the river stank, and the
 Egyptians could not drink of the water of the river; and there
 was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. And the magicians 22
 of Egypt did so with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart
 was hardened, neither did he hearken unto them; as the LORD
 had said. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither 23
 did he set his heart to this also. And all the Egyptians digged 24
 round about the river for water to drink; for they could not
 drink of the water of the river. And seven days were fulfilled, 25
 after that the LORD had smitten the river.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say 8
 unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they
 may serve me. And if thou refuse to let *them* go, behold, I will 2
 smite all thy borders with frogs: and the river shall bring forth 3
 frogs abundantly, which shall go up and come into thine house,
 and into thy bed-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the
 house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens,
 and into thy kneading-troughs: and the frogs shall come up 4
 both on thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants.
 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth 5
 thine hand with thy rod over the streams, over the rivers, and
 over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of 6
 Egypt: and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.
 And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought 7
 up frogs upon the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses 8
 and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he may take away
 the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people 9
 go, that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD. And Moses said

for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and thy houses, *that* they may remain in the river only? And he 10 said, To-morrow. And he said, *Be it* according to thy word: that thou mayest know that *there is* none like unto the LORD our God. And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy 11 houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. And Moses and Aaron went out from 12 Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which he had brought against Pharaoh. And the LORD did 13 according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. And they 14 gathered them together upon heaps: and the land stank. But 15 when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out 16 thy rod, and smite the dust of the land, that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And they did so; for Aaron 17 stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and it became lice in man, and in beast; all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. And the 18 magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: so there were lice upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, *This is* the finger of God: 19 and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had said.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morn- 20 ing, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, Be- 21 hold, I will send swarms of *flies* upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of *flies*, and also the ground whereon they *are*. And I will sever in that day the 22 land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of *flies* shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I *am* the LORD in the midst of the earth. And I will put a division be- 23 tween my people and thy people: to-morrow shall this sign be. And the LORD did so; and there came a grievous swarm of 24 *flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and *into* his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt: the land was corrupted by reason of the swarm of *flies*. And Pharaoh called for Moses and for 25 Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. And 26 Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? we will go three days' journey into 27 the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as he shall command us. And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may 28 sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me. And Moses said, Behold, 29 I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms

of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: but let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD. And 30
Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. And 31
the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. And Pharaoh hardened his 32
heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

THEN the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and 9
tell him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For if thou refuse to let *them* 2
go, and wilt hold them still, 'behold, the hand of the LORD is 3
upon thy cattle which *is* in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep: *there shall be* a very grievous murrain. And the LORD shall sever 4
between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all *that is* the children's of Israel. And the 5
LORD appointed a set time, saying, To-morrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land. And the LORD did that thing on the 6
morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, 7
there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

AND the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you 8
handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become 9
small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood 10
before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth *with* blains upon man, and upon beast. And the magicians could not stand before Moses because 11
of the boil; for the boil was upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, 12
and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. For I will at this time send all my plagues upon 14
thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that *there is* none like me in all the earth. For 15
now I will stretch out my hand, that I may smite thee and thy people with pestilence; and thou shalt be cut off from the earth. And in very deed for this *cause* have I raised thee up, for to show 16
in thee my power; and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, 17
that thou wilt not let them go? behold, to-morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the foundation thereof even until now. Send 19
therefore now, *and* gather thy cattle, and all that thou hast in the

field; *for upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh, made his servants and his cattle flee into the houses: and he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground; and the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that *was* in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel *were*, was there no hail. And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD *is* righteous, and I and my people *are* wicked. Intreat the LORD (*for it is enough*) that there be no *more* mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no longer. And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; *and* the thunder shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know how that the earth *is* the LORD'S. But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear the LORD God. And the flax and the barley was smitten: for the barley *was* in the ear, and the flax *was* bolled. But the wheat and the rye were not smitten: for they *were* not grown up. And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for **110** have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might show these my signs before him: and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I *am* the LORD. And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me. Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, tomorrow will I bring the locusts into thy coast. And they shall cover the face of the earth, that one cannot be able to see the

earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped,
 which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree
 which groweth for you out of the field: and they shall fill thy 6
 houses, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all
 the Egyptians; which neither thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers
 have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this
 day. And he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. ' And 7
 Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a
 snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD
 their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? ' And 8
 Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he
 said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: *but who are*
they that shall go? And Moses said, We will go with our young 9
 and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters, with our
 flocks and with our herds will we go; for we *must hold* a feast
 unto the LORD. And he said unto them. Let the LORD be so 10
 with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it;
 for evil *is* before you. Not so: go now ye *that are* men, and 11
 serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven
 out from Pharaoh's presence. And the LORD said unto Moses, 12
 Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts,
 that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every
 herb of the land, *even* all that the hail hath left. And Moses 13
 stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD
 brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all *that*
night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the lo-
 custs. And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and 14
 rested in all the coasts of Egypt: very grievous *were they*; be-
 fore them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them
 shall be such. For they covered the face of the whole earth, 15
 so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of
 the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left:
 and there remained not any green thing in the trees, or in the
 herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh 16
 called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned
 against the LORD your God, and against you. Now therefore 17
 forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD
 your God, that he may take away from me this death only. And 18
 he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. And the 19
 LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the
 locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one
 locust in all the coasts of Egypt. But the LORD hardened Pha- 20
 raoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand to- 21
 ward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt,
 even darkness *which* may be felt. And Moses stretched forth 22
 his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all
 the land of Egypt three days: they saw not one another, neither 23
 rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of
 Israel had light in their dwellings.

AND Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the 24

LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you. And Moses said, Thou must give us also sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve the LORD, until we come thither. But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face no more; for in *that* day thou seest my face thou shalt die. And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well, I will see thy face again no more.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Yet will I bring one plague *more* upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: when he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out hence altogether. Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold. And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses *was* very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: and all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that *is* behind the mill; and all the first-born of beasts. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month *shall be* unto you the beginning of months: it *shall be* the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of *their* fathers, a lamb for an house: and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take *it* according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take *it* out from the sheep, or from the goats:

and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike *it* on the two side-posts and on the upper door-post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter *herbs* they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast *with* fire: his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; *with* your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: *it is* the LORD'S pass-over. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: *I am* the LORD. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy *you*, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the LORD throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. Seven days shall ye eat unleavened bread, even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. And in the first day *there shall be* an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you: no manner of work shall be done in them, save *that* which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. And ye shall observe *the feast of* unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one-and-twentieth day of the month at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

THEN Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them. Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side-posts with the blood that *is* in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*. And ye shall

observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land 25 which the LORD will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. And it shall come to pass, when 26 your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? that ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the LORD'S passover, who 27 passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of 28 Israel went away, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

AND it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the 29 first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the first-born of cattle. And Pharaoh 30 rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not one dead. And he called for Moses and 31 Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, and get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the LORD, as ye have said. Also take your flocks and your 32 herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. And 33 the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, that they might send them out of the land in haste; for they said, We be all dead men. And the people took their dough before it was leavened, 34 their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and the LORD gave the 36 people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

AND the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and 38 flocks, and herds, even very much cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victuals. 39

Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at 41 the end of the four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. It is a night to be much observed unto the 42 LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: this is that night of the LORD to be observed of all the children of Israel in their generations.

AND the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: There shall no stranger eat thereof: 'but 43 every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast 44

circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. A foreigner and an 45
 hired servant shall not eat thereof. In one house shall it be 46
 eaten; thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of
 the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. All the con- 47
 gregation of Israel shall keep it. And when a stranger shall so- 48
 journ with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all
 his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep
 it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncir-
 cumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that 49
 is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.
 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded 50
 Moses and Aaron, so did they.

AND it came to pass the selfsame day, *that* the LORD did 51
 bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their
 armies. 'And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Sanctify 52
 unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb among
 the children of Israel, *both* of man and of beast: it is mine. And 3
 Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye
 came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength
 of hand the LORD brought you out from this *place*: there shall
 no leavened bread be eaten. This day came ye out in the month 4
 Abib. And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into 5
 the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites,
 and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore unto thy
 fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that
 thou shalt keep this service in this month. Seven days thou 6
 shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day *shall be* a
 feast to the LORD. Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven 7
 days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee,
 neither shall there be leaven seen with thee in all thy quarters.
 And thou shalt show thy son in that day, saying, *This is done*, 8
 because of that *which* the LORD did unto me when I came forth
 out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine 9
 hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the LORD'S
 law may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the
 LORD brought thee out of Egypt. Thou shalt therefore keep 10
 this ordinance in his season from year to year. And it shall be 11
 when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanites,
 as he swore unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee,
 that thou shalt set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the 12
 matrix, and every firstling that cometh of a beast which thou
 hast: the males *shall be* the LORD'S. And every firstling of an 13
 ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem
 it, then thou shalt break his neck: and all the first-born of man
 among thy children shalt thou redeem. And it shall be when 14
 thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What *is* this? that
 thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought
 us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: and it came to 15
 pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD
 slew all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both the first-born
 of man, and the first-born of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the

LORD all that openeth the matrix, being males; but all the first-born of my children I redeem. And it shall be for a token 16 upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

AND it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, 17 that God led them not *through* the way of the land of the Philistines, although that *was* near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: but God led the people about, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red sea: and the children of Israel went up harnessed out of the land of Egypt. And Moses took the bones of 18 Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. 19

AND they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in 20 Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. And the LORD went 21 before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: he took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor 22 the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 14 children of Israel, that they turn and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, over-against Baal-zephon: before it shall ye encamp by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the 3 children of Israel, They *are* entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that 4 he shall follow after them; and I will be honored upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD. And they did so.

AND it was told the king of Egypt that the people fled: and 5 the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people, and they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and 6 took his people with him: and he took six hundred chosen 7 chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh 8 king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with an high hand. But the 9 Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses *and* chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

AND when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted 10 up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. And they said unto Moses, Because *there were* 11 no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in 12 Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For *it had been* better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, 13

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will show to you to-day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The LORD shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. And the LORD said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: 'but lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea. And I, behold, I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten me honor upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them: and it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness to them, but it gave light by night to these: so that the one came not near the other all the night.

AND Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them to the midst of the sea, even all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass, that in the morning watch the LORD looked unto the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the host of the Egyptians, and took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the LORD fighteth for them against the Egyptians. And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared: and the Egyptians fled against it; and the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore. And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians: and the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD, and his servant Moses.

THEN sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto **15**
the LORD, and spake, saying,

- I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously:
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
- 2 The LORD is my strength and song,
And he is become my salvation:
He is my God, and I will prepare him an habitation;
My father's God, and I will exalt him.
- 3 The LORD is a man of war:
The LORD is his name.
- 4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea:
His chosen captains also are drowned in the Red sea.
- 5 The depths have covered them:
They sank into the bottom as a stone.
- 6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is become glorious in power:
Thy right hand, O LORD, hath dashed in pieces the enemy.
- 7 And in the greatness of thine excellency
Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against thee:
Thou sentest forth thy wrath,
Which consumed them as stubble.
- 8 And with the blast of thy nostrils
The waters were gathered together,
The floods stood upright as an heap,
And the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.
- 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil;
My lust shall be satisfied upon them;
I will draw my sword,
- My hand shall destroy them.
10 Thou didst blow with thy wind,
The sea covered them:
They sank as lead in the mighty waters.
- 11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like thee, glorious in holiness,
Fearful in praises, doing wonders?
- 12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand,
The earth swallowed them.
- 13 Thou in thy mercy hast led forth the people
Which thou hast redeemed:
Thou hast guided them in thy strength
Unto thy holy habitation.
- 14 The people shall hear, and be afraid:
Sorrow shall take hold on the inhabitants of Palestina.
- 15 Then the dukes of Edom shall be amazed;
The mighty men of Moab, trembling shall take hold upon them;
All the inhabitants of Canaan shall melt away.
- 16 Fear and dread shall fall upon them;
By the greatness of thine arm they shall be as still as a stone;
Till thy people pass over, O LORD,
Till the people pass over, which thou hast purchased.
- 17 Thou shalt bring them in,
And plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance,
In the place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in,
In the Sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.
- 18 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever!

FOR the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with **19**
his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the
waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel went
on dry land in the midst of the sea.

And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tim- **20**
brel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with
timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, **21**

Sing ye to the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously;
The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

SO Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out **22**
into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the
wilderness, and found no water. And when they came to Ma- **23**
rah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were
bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the peo- **24**
ple murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And **25**
he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree,
which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made
sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and
there he proved them, and said, If thou wilt diligently hearken **26**
to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is
right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and
keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee,

which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I *am* the LORD that healeth thee.

AND they came to Elim, where *were* twelve wells of water, 27
and threescore and ten palm-trees: and they encamped there by
the waters.

AND they took their journey from Elim, and all the congrega-16
tion of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin,
which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the
second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt.
And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured 2
against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness: and the children 3
of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand
of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-
pots, *and* when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought
us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with
hunger. Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain 4
bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and
gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether 5
they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass, that 6
on the sixth day they shall prepare *that* which they bring in; and
it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. And Moses and 6
Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall
know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of
Egypt: and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the 7
LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD:
and what *are* we, that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, 8
This shall be when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh
to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD
heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and
what *are* we? your murmurings *are* not against us, but against
the LORD. And Moses spake unto Aaron, Say unto all the con- 9
gregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD:
for he hath heard your murmurings. And it came to pass, as 10
Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Is-
rael, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the
glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD spake 11
unto Moses, saying, 'I have heard the murmurings of the chil- 12
dren of Israel: speak unto them, saying, At even ye shall eat
flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye
shall know that I *am* the LORD your God. And it came to pass, 13
that at even the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in
the morning the dew lay round about the host. And when the 14
dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilder-
ness *there lay* a small round thing, *as* small as the hoar-frost on
the ground. And when the children of Israel saw *it*, they said 15
one to another, It *is* manna: for they wist not what it *was*. And
Moses said unto them, This *is* the bread which the LORD hath
given you to eat. This *is* the thing which the LORD hath com- 16
manded, Gather of it every man according to his eating, an omer
for every man, *according to* the number of your persons; take ye
every man for *them* which *are* in his tents. And the children of 17

Israel did so, and gathered, some more, some less. And when 18
they did mete *it* with an omer, he that gathered much had no-
thing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gath-
ered every man according to his eating. And Moses said, Let 19
no man leave of it till the morning. Notwithstanding they 20
hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the
morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth
with them. And they gathered it every morning, every man 21
according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted.
And it came to pass, *that* on the sixth day they gathered twice 22
as much bread, two omers for one *man*: and all the rulers of the
congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, 23
This is that which the LORD hath said, To-morrow *is* the rest of
the holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake *that* which ye will bake
to-day, and seeth that ye will seeth; and that which remain-
eth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they 24
laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink,
neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that 25
to-day; for *to-day is* a sabbath unto the LORD: *to-day* ye shall
not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the 26
seventh day, *which is* the sabbath, in it there shall be none. And 27
it came to pass, *that* there went out *some* of the people on the
seventh day for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD 28
said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments
and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the sab- 29
bath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two
days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his
place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh 30
day. And the house of Israel called the name thereof Manna: 31
and it *was* like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it *was* like
wafers *made* with honey. And Moses said, *This is* the thing 32
which the LORD commandeth, Fill an omer of it to be kept for
your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I have
fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the
land of Egypt. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and 33
put an omer full of manna therein, and lay it up before the
LORD, to be kept for your generations. As the LORD com- 34
manded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be
kept. And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until 35
they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they
came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. Now an omer *is* 36
the tenth *part* of an ephah.

AND all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed 17
from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeys, according to the
commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and *there*
was no water for the people to drink. Wherefore the people did 2
chide with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink.
And Moses said unto them, Why chide ye with me? wherefore
do ye tempt the LORD? And the people thirsted there for wa- 3
ter; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, *Where-*
fore is this that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us

and our children and our cattle with thirst? And Moses cried 4
unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they
be almost ready to stone me. And the LORD said unto Moses, 5
Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Is-
rael; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in
thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon 6
the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall
come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses
did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the 7
name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding
of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD,
saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

THEN came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 8
And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, 9
fight with Amalek: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill
with the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had 10
said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and
Hur went up to the top of the hill. And it came to pass, when 11
Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let
down his hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands *were* 12
heavy; and they took a stone, and put *it* under him, and he sat
thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on
the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands
were steady until the going down of the sun. And Joshua dis- 13
comfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword.
And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this *for* a memorial in a 14
book, and rehearse *it* in the ears of Joshua: for I will utterly put
out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses 15
built an altar, and called the name of it JEHOVAH-nissi: for he 16
said, Because the LORD hath sworn *that* the LORD *will have*
war with Amalek from generation to generation.

WHEN Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father-in-law, 18
heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his
people, *and* that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt;
then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, 2
after he had sent her back, ' and her two sons; of which the 3
name of the one *was* Gershom; for he said, I have been an alien
in a strange land: and the name of the other *was* Eliezer; for 4
the God of my father, *said he, was* mine help, and delivered me
from the sword of Pharaoh: and Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, 5
came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness,
where he encamped at the mount of God: and he said unto 6
Moses, I thy father-in-law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy
wife, and her two sons with her. And Moses went out to meet 7
his father-in-law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they
asked each other of *their* welfare; and they came into the tent.
And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done 8
unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, *and* all the
travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD
delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which 9
the LORD had done to Israel, whom he had delivered out of

the hand of the Egyptians. And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, 10
 who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out
 of the hand of Pharaoh, who hath delivered the people from under
 the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is 11
 greater than all gods: for in the thing wherein they dealt proudly
he was above them. And Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, took a 12
 burnt-offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all
 the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before
 God. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to 13
 judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morn-
 ing unto the evening. And when Moses' father-in-law saw all 14
 that he did to the people, he said, What *is* this thing that thou
 doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the
 people stand by thee from morning unto even? And Moses said 15
 unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to
 inquire of God: when they have a matter, they come unto 16
 me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make *them*
 know the statutes of God, and his laws. And Moses' father-in- 17
 law said unto him, The thing that thou doest *is* not good. Thou 18
 wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that *is* with
 thee: for this thing *is* too heavy for thee; thou art not able to
 perform it thyself alone. Hearken now unto my voice, I will 19
 give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: be thou for the
 people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:
 and thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show 20
 them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they
 must do. Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people 21
 able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness;
 and place *such* over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers
 of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: and let them 22
 judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, *that* every great
 matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they
 shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear
the burden with thee. If thou shalt do this thing, and God 23
 command thee *so*, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this
 people shall also go to their place in peace. So Moses hearkened 24
 to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said.
 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them 25
 heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds,
 rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people 26
 at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but
 every small matter they judged themselves. And Moses let his 27
 father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

IN the third month, when the children of Israel were gone 19
 forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they *into* the
 wilderness of Sinai. For they were departed from Rephidim, 2
 and were come *to* the desert of Sinai, and had pitched in the
 wilderness; and there Israel camped before the mount. And 3
 Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of
 the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob,
 and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto 4

the Egyptians, and *how* I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, 5
and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: 'and ye shall be 6
unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. *These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.*

AND Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and 7
laid before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, 8
All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a 9
thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go 10
unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: 11
for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto 12
the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, *that ye go not* up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: there shall not 13
an hand touch it, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether *it be* beast or man, it shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. And Moses 14
went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their clothes. And he said unto the 15
people, Be ready against the third day: come not at *your* wives.

AND it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there 16
were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that *was* in the camp trembled. And Moses brought 17
forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. And mount Sinai was 18
altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of 19
the trumpet sounded long, and waxed louder and louder. Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. And the LORD came 20
down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses *up* to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, 21
lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the 22
LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot 23
come up to mount Sinai: for thou chargedst us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. And the LORD said 24
unto him, Away, get thee down, and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon

them. So Moses went down unto the people, and spake unto 25 them.

AND God spake all these words, saying, 'I am the LORD thy 20 God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 3 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not 4 bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon 5 the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love 6 me, and keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name 7 of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. Remember the sabbath 8 day to keep it holy: six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy 9 work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD thy 10 God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy 11 cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the 12 sabbath day, and hallowed it. Honor thy father and thy mother: 12 that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 'Thou shalt not kill. 'Thou shalt not com- 13 mit adultery. 'Thou shalt not steal. 'Thou shalt not bear false 15 witness against thy neighbor. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's 17 house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

AND all the people saw the thunderings, and the lightnings, 18 and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And 19 they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto 20 the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. And the people 21 stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the 22 children of Israel, Ye have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. Ye shall not make with me gods of silver, neither 23 shall ye make unto you gods of gold. An altar of earth thou 24 shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in all places where I record my name I will come unto thee, and I will 25 bless thee. And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon 26 it, thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

Now these *are* the judgments which thou shalt set before **21** them.

If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and **2**
in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. If he came in **3**
by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then
his wife shall go out with him. If his master have given him a **4**
wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her
children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself.
And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, **5**
and my children; I will not go out free: then his master shall **6**
bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door,
or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through
with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.

And if a man sell his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall **7**
not go out as the men-servants do. If she please not her mas- **8**
ter, who hath betrothed her to himself, then shall he let her be
redeemed: to sell her unto a strange nation he shall have no
power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. And if he have **9**
betrothed her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the man-
ner of daughters. If he take him another *wife*; her food, her **10**
raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. And **11**
if he do not these three unto her, then shall she go out free with-
out money.

He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to **12**
death. And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver *him* into **13**
his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee.
But if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbor, to slay **14**
him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he
may die. And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be **15**
surely put to death. And he that stealeth a man, and selleth **16**
him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to
death. And he that curseth his father, or his mother, shall surely **17**
be put to death. And if men strive together, and one smite an- **18**
other with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he die not, but keepeth
his bed: if he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then **19**
shall he that smote *him* be quit: only he shall pay *for* the loss of
his time, and shall cause *him* to be thoroughly healed. And if **20**
a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die un-
der his hand; he shall be surely punished. Notwithstanding, if **21**
he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he *is* his
money. If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her **22**
fruit depart *from her*, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be
surely punished, according as the woman's husband will lay
upon him; and he shall pay as the judges *determine*. And if **23**
any mischief follow, then thou shalt give life for life, 'eye for **24**
eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 'burning for **25**
burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe. And if a man smite **26**
the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, that it perish; he
shall let him go free for his eye's sake. And if he smite out his **27**
man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth; he shall let him
go free for his tooth's sake.

If an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die: then the ox 28 shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox *shall be quit*. But if the ox were wont to push 29 with his horn in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death. If there be laid on him a sum of money, then he shall 30 give for the ransom of his life whatsoever is laid upon him. Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him. If the ox 31 shall push a man-servant or maid-servant; he shall give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned. And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and 32 not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein; the owner of the 33 pit shall make it good, and give money unto the owner of them; and the dead *beast* shall be his. And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it; and the dead *ox* also they shall divide. Or if 34 it be known that the ox hath used to push in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall be his own.

If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he 22 shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, *there shall no blood be shed* for him. If the sun be risen upon him, 2 *there shall be blood shed* for him; for he should make full restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. If 3 the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, 4 or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall 5 put in his beast, and shall feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution. If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so 6 that the stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed *therewith*; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

If a man shall deliver unto his neighbor money or stuff to 7 keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, let him pay double. If the thief be not found, then the 8 master of the house shall be brought unto the judges, to see whether he have put his hand unto his neighbor's goods. For 9 all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; and whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbor. If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass, 10 or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: then shall an oath of the 11 LORD be between them both, that he hath not put his hand unto his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept thereof, and he shall not make it good. And if it be stolen from 12

him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof. If it be 13
torn in pieces, *then* let him bring it *for* witness, *and* he shall not
make good that which was torn. And if a man borrow *ought* 14
of his neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof *being*
not with it, he shall surely make *it* good. *But* if the owner 15
thereof *be* with it, he shall not make *it* good: if it *be* an hired
thing, it came for his hire.

And if a man entice a maid that is not betrothed, and lie with 16
her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. If her father 17
utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according
to the dowry of virgins.

Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. Whosoever lieth with 18
a beast shall surely be put to death. He that sacrificeth unto 20
any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

Thou shalt neither vex a stranger, nor oppress him: for ye 21
were strangers in the land of Egypt. Ye shall not afflict any 22
widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, 23
and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and 24
my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword;
and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

If thou lend money to *any of* my people *that is* poor by thee, 25
thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon
him usury. If thou at all take thy neighbor's raiment to pledge, 26
thou shalt deliver it unto him by that the sun goeth down: for 27
that is his covering only, *it is* his raiment for his skin: wherein
shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto
me, that I will hear; for I *am* gracious.

Thou shalt not revile the gods, nor curse the ruler of thy 28
people. Thou shalt not delay *to offer* the first of thy ripe fruits, 29
and of thy liquors: the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto
me. Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, *and* with thy 30
sheep: seven days it shall be with his dam; on the eighth day
thou shalt give it me. And ye shall be holy men unto me: 31
neither shall ye eat *any* flesh *that is* torn of beasts in the field;
ye shall cast it to the dogs.

Thou shalt not raise a false report: put not thine hand with **23**
the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. Thou shalt not follow 2
a multitude to *do* evil; neither shalt thou speak in a cause to
decline after many to wrest *judgment*: neither shalt thou coun- 3
tenance a poor man in his cause.

If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou 4
shalt surely bring it back to him again. If thou see the ass of 5
him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and wouldest for-
bear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him. Thou shalt 6
not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause. Keep thee far 7
from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou
not: for I will not justify the wicked. And thou shalt take no 8
gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of 9
the righteous. Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye
know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the
land of Egypt.

And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the 10
fruits thereof: but the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie 11
still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave
the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal
with thy vineyard, and with thy olive-yard. Six days thou shalt 12
do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox
and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the
stranger, may be refreshed. And in all things that I have said 13
unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of
other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

Three times thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. 14
Thou shalt keep the feast of unleavened bread: (thou shalt eat 15
unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time
appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from
Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) and the feast 16
of harvest, the first-fruits of thy labors, which thou hast sown in
thy field: and the feast of ingathering, which is in the end of the
year, when thou hast gathered in thy labors out of the field.
Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the 17
LORD God. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with 18
leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my sacrifice remain
until the morning. The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou 19
shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt
not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, 20
and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared. Be- 21
ware of him, and obey his voice, provoke him not; for he will
not pardon your transgressions: for my name is in him. But if 22
thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I
will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto
thine adversaries. For mine Angel shall go before thee, and 23
bring thee in unto the Amorites, and the Hittites, and the Pe-
rizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and
I will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, 24
nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly
overthrow them, and quite break down their images. And ye 25
shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread,
and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of
thee. There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in 26
thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. I will send my 27
fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou
shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs
unto thee. And I will send hornets before thee, which shall 28
drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before
thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; 29
lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply
against thee. By little and little I will drive them out from be- 30
fore thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. And I 31
will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the
Philistines, and from the desert unto the river; for I will de-
liver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt

drive them out before thee. Thou shalt make no covenant with 32
 them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, 33
 lest they make thee sin against me : for if thou serve their gods,
 it will surely be a snare unto thee.

AND he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and 24
 Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,
 and worship ye afar off. And Moses alone shall come near the 2
 LORD : but they shall not come nigh ; neither shall the people
 go up with him. And Moses came and told the people all the 3
 words of the LORD, and all the judgments : and all the people
 answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the
 LORD hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words 4
 of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an
 altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve
 tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Is- 5
 rael, which offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings
 of oxen unto the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood, and 6
 put it in basins ; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience 7
 of the people : and they said, All that the LORD hath said will
 we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled 8
 it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant,
 which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these
 words. Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, 9
 and seventy of the elders of Israel : and they saw the God of Is- 10
 rael : and *there was* under his feet as it were a paved work of a
 sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in *his* clearness.
 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his 11
 hand : also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the 12
 mount, and be there : and I will give thee tables of stone, and a
 law, and commandments which I have written ; that thou mayest
 teach them. And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua : and 13
 Moses went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the 14
 elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you : and,
 behold, Aaron and Hur *are* with you : if any man have any mat-
 ters to do, let him come unto them.

AND Moses went up into the mount, and a cloud covered the 15
 mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, 16
 and the cloud covered it six days : and the seventh day he called
 unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. And the sight of the 17
 glory of the LORD *was* like devouring fire on the top of the
 mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. And Moses went 18
 into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount : and
 Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Speak unto the chil- 25
 dren of Israel, that they bring me an offering : of every man that
 giveth it willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering.
 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them ; gold, and 3
 silver, and brass, ' and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine 4
 linen, and goats' hair, ' and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' 5

skins, and shittim wood, 'oil for the light, spices for anointing 6
oil, and for sweet incense, 'onyx stones, and stones to be set in 7
the ephod, and in the breast-plate.

And let them make me a sanctuary: that I may dwell among 8
them. According to all that I show thee, *after* the pattern of the 9
tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even
so shall ye make it.

And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and 10
a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the
breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. And 11
thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt
thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round
about. And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put 12
them in the four corners thereof; and two rings *shall be* in the
one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. And thou 13
shalt make staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold.
And thou shalt put the staves into the rings by the sides of the 14
ark, that the ark may be borne with them. The staves shall be 15
in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. And 16
thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee.

And thou shalt make a mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits 17
and a half *shall be* the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the
breadth thereof. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, 18
of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the
mercy-seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other 19
cherub on the other end: *even* of the mercy-seat shall ye make
the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims 20
shall stretch forth *their* wings on high, covering the mercy-seat
with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; to-
ward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And 21
thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and in the
ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. And 22
there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from
above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubims which
are upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give
thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits 23
shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and
a cubit and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it 24
with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about.
And thou shalt make unto it a border of an hand breadth round 25
about, and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof
round about. And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and 26
put the rings in the four corners that *are* on the four feet thereof.
Over against the border shall the rings be for places of the staves 27
to bear the table. And thou shalt make the staves of shittim 28
wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne
with them. And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and spoons 29
thereof, and covers thereof, and bowls thereof, to cover withal:
of pure gold shalt thou make them. And thou shalt set upon the 30
table show-bread before me alway.

And thou shalt make a candlestick *of pure gold: of beaten* 31
 work shall the candlestick be made: his shaft, and his branches,
 his bowls, his knops, and his flowers, shall be of the same. And 32
 six branches shall come out of the sides of it; three branches of
 the candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of the
 candlestick out of the other side: three bowls made like unto 33
 almonds, *with a knop and a flower in one branch; and three*
 bowls made like almonds in the other branch, *with a knop and a*
flower: so in the six branches that come out of the candlestick.
 And in the candlestick *shall be* four bowls made like unto alm- 34
 onds, *with their knops and their flowers.* And *there shall be* a knop 35
 under two branches of the same, and a knop under two branches
 of the same, and a knop under two branches of the same, ac-
 cording to the six branches that proceed out of the candlestick.
 Their knops and their branches shall be of the same: all of it 36
shall be one beaten work of pure gold. And thou shalt make 37
 the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof,
 that they may give light over-against it. And the tongs thereof, 38
 and the snuff-dishes thereof, *shall be of pure gold.* Of a talent of 39
 pure gold shall he make it, with all these vessels. And look that 40
 thou make *them* after their pattern, which was showed thee in
 the mount.

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle *with ten curtains* 26
of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: with
cherubims of cunning work shalt thou make them. The length 2
 of one curtain *shall be* eight-and-twenty cubits, and the breadth
 of one curtain four cubits: and every one of the curtains shall
 have one measure. The five curtains shall be coupled together 3
 one to another; and *other* five curtains *shall be* coupled one to
 another. And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of 4
 the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise
 shalt thou make in the uttermost edge of *another* curtain, in the
 coupling of the second. Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one 5
 curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the cur-
 tain that *is* in the coupling of the second; that the loops may
 take hold one of another. And thou shalt make fifty taches of 6
 gold, and couple the curtains together with the taches: and it
 shall be one tabernacle.

And thou shalt make curtains *of goats' hair*, to be a covering 7
 upon the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make. The 8
 length of one curtain *shall be* thirty cubits, and the breadth of
 one curtain four cubits: and the eleven curtains *shall be* all of
 one measure. And thou shalt couple five curtains by them- 9
 selves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth
 curtain in the fore-front of the tabernacle. And thou shalt make 10
 fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain *that is* outmost in the
 coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which coupleth
 the second. And thou shalt make fifty taches of brass, and put 11
 the taches into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it
 may be one. And the remnant that remaineth of the curtains of 12
 the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the

backside of the tabernacle. And a cubit on the one side, and a 13
cubit on the other side of that which remaineth in the length of
the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the taber-
nacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. And thou shalt 14
make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a cover-
ing above of badgers' skins.

And thou shalt make boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood 15
standing up. Ten cubits *shall be* the length of a board, and a 16
cubit and a half *shall be* the breadth of one board. Two tenons 17
shall there be in one board, set in order one against another: thus
shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. And thou 18
shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the
south side southward. And thou shalt make forty sockets of sil- 19
ver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for
his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two
tenons. And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north 20
side *there shall be* twenty boards: and their forty sockets of silver; 21
two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another
board. And for the sides of the tabernacle westward thou shalt 22
make six boards. And two boards shalt thou make for the cor- 23
ners of the tabernacle in the two sides. And they shall be 24
coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together
above the head of it unto one ring: thus shall it be for them
both; they shall be for the two corners. And they shall be eight 25
boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets
under one board, and two sockets under another board. And 26
thou shalt make bars of shittim wood; five for the boards of the
one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the 27
other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the
side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. And the 28
middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to
end. And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make 29
their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt over-
lay the bars with gold. And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle 30
according to the fashion thereof which was showed thee in the
mount.

And thou shalt make a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, 31
and fine twined linen of cunning work: with cherubims shall it
be made: and thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim 32
wood overlaid with gold: their hooks *shall be of* gold, upon the
four sockets of silver. And thou shalt hang up the vail under 33
the taches, that thou mayest bring in thither within the vail the
ark of the testimony: and the vail shall divide unto you between
the holy place and the most holy. And thou shalt put the mercy- 34
seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. And 35
thou shalt set the table without the vail, and the candlestick
over-against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the
south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

And thou shalt make an hanging for the door of the tent, of 36
blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought
with needle-work. And thou shalt make for the hanging five 37

pillars of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, and their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

And thou shalt make an altar of shittim wood, five cubits²⁷ long and five cubits broad; the altar shall be four-square: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. And thou shalt make 2 the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: his horns shall be of the same: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. And thou 3 shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basins, and his flesh-hooks, and his fire-pans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. And thou shalt make for it a 4 grate of net-work of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brazen rings in the four corners thereof. And thou shalt put 5 it under the compass of the altar beneath, that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. And thou shalt make staves for 6 the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with brass. And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall 7 be upon the two sides of the altar, to bear it. Hollow with 8 boards shalt thou make it: as it was showed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south 9 side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen of an hundred cubits long for one side: and the 10 twenty pillars thereof and their twenty sockets shall be of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. And 11 likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of an hundred cubits long, and his twenty pillars and their twenty sockets of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of 12 silver. And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets 13 ten. And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. The hangings of one side of the gate shall 14 be fifteen cubits: their pillars three and their sockets three. And 15 on the other side shall be hangings fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the gate of the court 16 shall be an hanging of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, wrought with needle-work: and their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. All the pillars 17 round about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass. The length of the 18 court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the 19 service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring 20 thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. In the tabernacle of the congregation without the 21 vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be

a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

And take thou unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with **28** him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, *even* Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. And thou shalt make holy **2** garments for Aaron thy brother for glory and for beauty. And **3** thou shalt speak unto all *that are* wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. And these *are* the garments which they shall **4** make : a breast-plate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a broidered coat, a mitre, and a girdle : and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. And they shall take gold, and blue, **5** and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

And they shall make the ephod *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple **6** *of* scarlet, and fine twined linen, with cunning work. It shall **7** have the two shoulder-pieces thereof joined at the two edges thereof : and *so* it shall be joined together. And the curious **8** girdle of the ephod, which *is* upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work thereof ; *even of* gold, *of* blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. And thou shalt take two **9** onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel : six of their names on one stone, and *the other* six names **10** of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. With the **11** work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel : thou shalt make *them* to be set in ouches of gold. And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulders of the **12** ephod *for* stones of memorial unto the children of Israel : and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial. And thou shalt make ouches *of* gold ; **13**

And two chains *of* pure gold at the ends ; *of* wreathen work **14** shalt thou make them, and fasten the wreathen chains to the ouches. And thou shalt make the breast-plate of judgment with **15** cunning work ; after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it ; *of* gold, *of* blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, and *of* fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. Four-square it shall be *being* **16** doubled ; a span *shall be* the length thereof, and a span *shall be* the breadth thereof. And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, **17** *even* four rows of stones : *the first row shall be* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle : *this shall be* the first row. And the second row **18** *shall be* an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. And the third **19** row a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst. And the fourth row a **20** beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper : they shall be set in gold in their inclosings. And the stones shall be with the names of the **21** children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet ; every one with his name shall they be according to the twelve tribes. And thou shalt make upon the **22** breast-plate chains at the ends *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold.

And thou shalt make upon the breast-plate two rings of gold, 23
 and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-plate.
 And thou shalt put the two wreathen *chains* of gold in the two 24
 rings *which are* on the ends of the breast-plate. And *the other* 25
 two ends of the two wreathen *chains* thou shalt fasten in the two
 ouches, and put *them* on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod before
 it. And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put 26
 them upon the two ends of the breast-plate in the border thereof,
 which *is* in the side of the ephod inward. And two *other* rings 27
 of gold thou shalt make, and shalt put them on the two sides of
 the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part thereof, over-against
 the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod.
 And they shall bind the breast-plate by the rings thereof unto 28
 the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that *it* may be above
 the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breast-plate be not
 loosed from the ephod. And Aaron shall bear the names of the 29
 children of Israel in the breast-plate of judgment upon his heart,
 when he goeth in unto the holy *place*, for a memorial before the
 LORD continually. And thou shalt put in the breast-plate of 30
 judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon
 Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron
 shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart
 before the LORD continually.

And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all *of* blue. And 31
 there shall be an hole in the top of it, in the midst thereof: it
 shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it,
 as it were the hole of an habergeon, that it be not rent. And 33
beneath upon the hem of it thou shalt make pomegranates *of*
 blue, and *of* purple, and *of* scarlet, round about the hem there-
 of: and bells of gold between them round about; 'a golden 34
 bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon
 the hem of the robe round about. And it shall be upon Aaron 35
 to minister: and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in
 unto the holy *place* before the LORD, and when he cometh out,
 that he die not.

And thou shalt make a plate *of* pure gold, and grave upon it, 36
like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD.
 And thou shalt put it on a blue lace, that it may be upon the 37
 mitre; upon the fore-front of the mitre it shall be. And it shall 38
 be upon Aaron's forehead, that Aaron may bear the iniquity of
 the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all
 their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that
 they may be accepted before the LORD.

And thou shalt embroider the coat of fine linen, and thou shalt 39
 make the mitre *of* fine linen, and thou shalt make the girdle *of*
 needle-work.

And for Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt 40
 make for them girdles, and bonnets shalt thou make for them, for
 glory and for beauty. And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy 41
 brother, and his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and con-

secrete them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: and they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity and die: *it shall be* a statute for ever unto him and his seed after him.

And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened tempered with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: *of* wheaten flour shalt thou make them. And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water. And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-plate, and gird him with the curious girdle of the ephod: and thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour *it* upon his head, and anoint him. And thou shalt bring his sons and put coats upon them. And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons. And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bullock. And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul *that is* above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, and burn *them* upon the altar. But the flesh of the bullock, and his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: *it is* a sin-offering. Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle *it* round about upon the altar. And thou shalt cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inwards of him, and his legs, and put *them* unto his pieces, and unto his head. And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: *it is* a burnt-offering unto the LORD: *it is* a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his blood, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the

thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right
 foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. And 21
 thou shalt take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the
 anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* upon Aaron, and upon his garments,
 and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him :
 and he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and
 his sons' garments with him. Also thou shalt take of the ram 22
 the fat and the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and
 the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is
 upon them, and the right shoulder ; for it is a ram of consecra-
 tion : and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one 23
 wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before
 the LORD : and thou shalt put all in the hands of Aaron, and in 24
 the hands of his sons ; and shalt wave them *for* a wave-offering
 before the LORD. And thou shalt receive them of their hands, 25
 and burn *them* upon the altar for a burnt-offering, for a sweet
 savor before the LORD : it is an offering made by fire unto the
 LORD. And thou shalt take the breast of the ram of Aaron's 26
 consecration, and wave it *for* a wave-offering before the LORD :
 and it shall be thy part. And thou shalt sanctify the breast of 27
 the wave-offering, and the shoulder of the heave-offering, which
 is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecra-
 tion, *even* of *that* which is for Aaron, and of *that* which is for his
 sons : and it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever 28
 from the children of Israel ; for it is an heave-offering : and it
 shall be an heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacri-
 fice of their peace-offerings, *even* their heave-offering unto the
 LORD. And the holy garments of Aaron shall be his son's after 29
 him, to be anointed therein, and to be consecrated in them. And 30
 that son that is priest in his stead shall put them on seven days,
 when he cometh into the tabernacle of the congregation to min-
 ister in the holy *place*. And thou shalt take the ram of the con- 31
 secration, and seethe his flesh in the holy place. And Aaron 32
 and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is
 in the basket, *by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
 And they shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was 33
 made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them : but a stranger shall
 not eat *thereof*, because they *are* holy. And if aught of the flesh 34
 of the consecrations, or of the bread, remain unto the morning,
 then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire : it shall not be
 eaten, because it is holy. And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, 35
 and to his sons, according to all *things* which I have commanded
 thee : seven days shalt thou consecrate them.

And thou shalt offer every day a bullock *for* a sin-offering for 36
 atonement : and thou shalt cleanse the altar, when thou hast made
 an atonement for it, and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. Seven 37
 days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it ;
 and it shall be an altar most holy : whatsoever toucheth the altar
 shall be holy.

Now this *is that* which thou shalt offer upon the altar ; two 38
 lambs of the first year day by day continually. The one lamb 39

thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer at even: and with the one lamb a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink-offering. And the other lamb thou shalt offer at even, and shalt do thereto according to the meat-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. *This shall be* a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee. And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron, and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God.

And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of shittim wood shalt thou make it. A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; four-square shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of the same. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. And two golden rings shalt thou make to it under the crown of it, by the two corners thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make it; and they shall be for places for the staves to bear it withal. And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put it before the vail that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. And Aaron shall burn thereon sweet incense every morning: when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn incense upon it. And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt-sacrifice, nor meat-offering; neither shall ye pour drink-offering thereon. And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin-offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel after their number, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD. Every one that

passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD. The rich shall 15 not give more, and the poor shall not give less than half a shekel, when *they* give an offering unto the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls. And thou shalt take the atonement-money 16 of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Thou shalt also 17 make a laver of brass, and his foot *also* of brass, to wash *withal*: and thou shalt put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. For Aaron and 19 his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: when they 20 go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD: so they 21 shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, *even* to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

MOREOVER the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Take thou 22 also unto thee principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, *even* two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty *shekels*, 'and of cassia five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of 24 the sanctuary, and of oil-olive an hin: and thou shalt make it 25 an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the apothecary: it shall be an holy anointing oil. And thou shalt 26 anoint the tabernacle of the congregation therewith, and the ark of the testimony, 'and the table and all his vessels, and the 27 candlestick and his vessels, and the altar of incense, 'and the 28 altar of burnt-offering with all his vessels, and the laver and his foot. And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: 29 whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. And thou shalt anoint 30 Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that *they* may minister unto me in the priests' office. And thou shalt speak unto the 31 children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations. Upon man's flesh shall it not 32 be poured, neither shall ye make *any other* like it, after the composition of it: it *is* holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you. Whoso- 33 ever compoundeth *any* like it, or whosoever putteth *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, 34 stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; *these* sweet spices, with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like *weight*: 'and thou 35 shalt make it a perfume, a confection after the art of the apothecary, tempered together, pure *and* holy: and thou shalt beat 36 *some* of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy. And *as for* the perfume which 37 thou shalt make, ye shall not make to yourselves according to the

composition thereof: it shall be unto thee holy for the LORD. Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, shall 38 even be cut off from his people.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'See, I have called 31 by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, 3 and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 'to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in 4 silver, and in brass, 'and in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in 5 carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. And 6 I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark 7 of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that *is* thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle, 'and the table and his furniture, 8 and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense, 'and the altar of burnt-offering, with all his furniture, 9 and the laver and his foot, 'and the cloths of service, and the 10 holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office, 'and the anointing oil, and sweet 11 incense for the holy *place*: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak thou also 12 unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it *is* a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that *ye* may know that I *am* the LORD that doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it *is* holy unto 14 you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth *any* work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the sev- 15 enth *is* the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth *any* work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to ob- 16 serve the sabbath throughout their generations, *for* a perpetual covenant. It *is* a sign between me and the children of Israel 17 for ever: for *in* six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God. 18

AND when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down 32 out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. And 2 Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which *are* in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me. And all the people brake off the golden 3 earrings which *were* in their ears, and brought *them* unto Aaron. And he received *them* at their hand, and fashioned it with a 4

graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow is a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go, get thee down: for thy people, which thou broughtest out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted *themselves*: they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These *be* thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people: now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation. And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power, and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* for ever. And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

AND Moses turned, and went down from the mount, and the two tables of the testimony *were* in his hand: the tables *were* written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other *were* they written. And the tables *were* the work of God, and the writing *was* the writing of God, graven upon the tables. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp. And he said, *It is* not the voice of *them* that shout for mastery, neither is *it* the voice of *them* that cry for being overcome: *but* the noise of *them* that sing do I hear. And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt *it* in the fire, and ground *it* to powder, and strewed *it* upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink *of it*. And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought so great a sin upon them? And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they *are set* on mischief. For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot

not what is become of him. And I said unto them, Whosoever 24
hath any gold, let them break *it* off. So they gave *it* me: then
I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf. And when 25
Moses saw that the people *were* naked; (for Aaron had made
them naked unto *their* shame among their enemies:) then Moses 26
stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORD'S
side? *let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered
themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus 27
saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his
side, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp,
and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion,
and every man his neighbor. And the children of Levi did ac- 28
cording to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that
day about three thousand men. For Moses had said, Consecrate 29
yourselves to-day to the LORD, even every man upon his son,
and upon his brother: that he may bestow upon you a blessing
this day.

AND it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the 30
people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto
the LORD; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your
sin. And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this 31
people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of
gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin....; and if not, 32
blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written.
And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against 33
me, him will I blot out of my book. Therefore now go, lead the 34
people unto *the place* of which I have spoken unto thee: behold,
mine angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when
I visit I will visit their sin upon them. And the LORD plagued 35
the people, because they made the calf which Aaron made.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Depart, *and* go up hence, 33
thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land
of Egypt, unto the land which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac,
and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: and I will 2
send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite,
the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and
the Jebusite: 'unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I 3
will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou *art* a stiff-necked
people: lest I consume thee in the way. And when the people 4
heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on
him his ornaments. For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say 5
unto the children of Israel, Ye *are* a stiff-necked people: I will
come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee:
therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know
what to do unto thee. And the children of Israel stripped them- 6
selves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb.

AND Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the 7
camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of
the congregation. And it came to pass, *that* every one which
sought the LORD went out unto the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion, which *was* without the camp. And it came to pass, when 8

Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose up, and stood every man *at* his tent-door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. And it came to pass, as 9
 Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the* LORD talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* 10
 the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent-door. And the LORD spake unto Moses 11
 face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

AND Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, 12
 Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I 13
 pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight; and consider that this nation *is* thy people. And he said, My 14
 presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. And he 15
 said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy peo- 16
 ple have found grace in thy sight? *is it* not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that *are* upon the face of the earth. And the LORD said 17
 unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. 'And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. ' And he said, 18
 I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for 20
 there shall no man see me, and live. And the LORD said, Be- 21
 hold, *there is* a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will 22
 put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand while I pass by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt 23
 see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone 34
 like unto the first: and I will write upon *these* tables the words that were in the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready 2
 in the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me in the top of the mount. And 3
 no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount.

AND he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tables of stone. And the LORD descended in the cloud, 5
 and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The 6

LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O LORD, let my Lord, I pray thee, go among us; for it is a stiff-necked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou *art* shall see the work of the LORD: for it is a terrible thing that I will do with thee. Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: but ye shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves: for thou shalt worship no other God: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God: lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and *one* call thee, and thou eat of his sacrifice; and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring after their gods. Thou shalt make thee no molten gods. 'The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, in the time of the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. All that openeth the matrix is mine; and every firstling among thy cattle, *whether* ox or sheep, *that is male*. But the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou redeem *him* not, then shalt thou break his neck. All the first-born of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty. Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in earing-time and in harvest thou shalt rest. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. Thrice in the year shall all your men-children appear before the LORD God, the God of Israel. For I will cast out the nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou shalt go up to appear before the LORD thy God thrice in the year. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. The first of the first-fruits of thy land thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk. And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou

these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

AND it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And *till* Moses had done speaking with them, he put a vail on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the vail off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel *that* which he was commanded. And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

AND Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together, and said unto them, *These are* the words which the LORD hath commanded, that *ye* should do them. Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

AND Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, *This is* the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass, 'and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, 'and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 'and oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, 'and onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod, and for the breast-plate. And every wise-hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded; the tabernacle, his tent, and his covering, his taches, and his boards, his bars, his pillars, and his sockets, 'the ark, and the staves thereof, *with* the mercy-seat, and the vail of the covering, 'the table, and his staves, and all his vessels, and the show-bread, 'the candlestick also for the light, and his furniture, and his lamps, with the oil for the light, 'and the incense altar, and his staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the door at the entering in of the tabernacle, 'the altar of burnt-offering, with his brazen grate; his slaves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, 'the hangings of the court, his pillars, and their sockets, and the hang-

ing for the door of the court, ' the pins of the tabernacle, and the 18
pins of the court, and their cords, ' the cloths of service, to do 19
service in the holy *place*, the holy garments for Aaron the priest,
and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

AND all the congregation of the children of Israel departed 20
from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose 21
heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing,
and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the taber-
nacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the 22
holy garments. And they came, both men and women, as many 22
as were willing-hearted, *and* brought bracelets, and earrings, and
rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered
offered an offering of gold unto the LORD. And every man, 23
with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine
linen, and goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins,
brought *them*. Every one that did offer an offering of silver and 24
brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom
was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought *it*.
And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their 25
hands, and brought that which they had spun, *both* of blue, and
of purple, *and* of scarlet, and of fine linen. And all the women 26
whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*. And 27
the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the
ephod, and for the breast-plate; and spice, and oil for the light, 28
and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. The chil- 29
dren of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every
man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for
all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be
made by the hand of Moses.

AND Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD 30
hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of 31
the tribe of Judah; and he hath filled him with the spirit of God, 31
in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all man-
ner of workmanship; and to devise curious works, to work in 32
gold, and in silver, and in brass, ' and in the cutting of stones, to 33
set *them*, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning
work. And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, *both* he, 34
and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. Them 35
hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work,
of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the em-
broiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and
of the weaver, *even* of them that do any work, and of those that
devise cunning work.

THEN wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted 36
man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know
how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary,
according to all that the LORD had commanded. And Moses 2
called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in
whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* every one whose
heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it: and they 3
received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel

had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it *withal*.

And they brought yet unto him free offerings every morning. And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; and they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were restrained from bringing. 'For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

And every wise-hearted man among them that wrought the work of the tabernacle made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet: *with* cherubims of cunning work made he them. The length of one curtain was twenty-and-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits: the curtains were all of one size. And he coupled the five curtains one unto another: and the other five curtains he coupled one unto another. And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the uttermost side of another curtain, in the coupling of the second. Fifty loops made he in one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain, which was in the coupling of the second: the loops held one curtain to another. And he made fifty taches of gold, and coupled the curtains one unto another with the taches: so it became one tabernacle. And he made curtains of goats' hair for the tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits was the breadth of one curtain: the eleven curtains were of one size. And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. And he made fifty loops upon the uttermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which completh the second. And he made fifty taches of brass to couple the tent together, that it might be one. And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above that. And he made boards for the tabernacle of shittim wood, standing up. The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board one cubit and a half. One board had two tenons, equally distant one from another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle. And he made boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for the south side southward: and forty sockets of silver he made under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for his two tenons, and two sockets under another board for his two tenons. And for the other side of the tabernacle, which is toward the north corner, he made twenty boards, and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. And for the sides of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. And two boards made he for the corner of the tabernacle in the

two sides. And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together 29
 at the head thereof, to one ring: thus he did to both of them in
 both the corners. And there were eight boards; and their 30
 sockets *were* sixteen sockets of silver, under every board two
 sockets. And he made bars of shittim wood; five for the boards 31
 of the one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of 32
 the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of
 the tabernacle for the sides westward. And he made the middle 33
 bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other.
 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of 34
 gold *to be* places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.
 And he made a vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine 35
 twined linen: *with* cherubims made he it of cunning work. And 36
 he made thereunto four pillars of shittim wood, and overlaid
 them with gold: their hooks *were* of gold; and he cast for them
 four sockets of silver. And he made an hanging for the taber- 37
 nacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined
 linen, of needle-work: and the five pillars of it with their hooks: 38
 and he overlaid their chapters and their fillets with gold: but
 their five sockets *were* of brass.

AND Bezaleel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and 37
 a half *was* the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth
 of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: and he overlaid it 2
 with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold
 to it round about. And he cast for it four rings of gold, *to be set* 3
 by the four corners of it; even two rings upon the one side of it,
 and two rings upon the other side of it. And he made staves 4
 of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. And he put the 5
 staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, to bear the ark.

And he made the mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a 6
 half *was* the length thereof, and one cubit and a half the breadth
 thereof. And he made two cherubims of gold, beaten out of one 7
 piece made he them, on the two ends of the mercy-seat; one 8
 cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the *other*
 end on that side: out of the mercy-seat made he the cherubims
 on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims spread out *their* 9
 wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy-
 seat, with their faces one to another; *even* to the mercy-seatward
 were the faces of the cherubims.

And he made the table of shittim wood: two cubits *was* the 10
 length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and
 a half the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold, and 11
 made thereunto a crown of gold round about. Also he made 12
 thereunto a border of an hand breadth round about; and made
 a crown of gold for the border thereof round about. And he 13
 cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings upon the four cor-
 ners that *were* in the four feet thereof. Over-against the border 14
 were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table. And 15
 he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with
 gold, to bear the table. And he made the vessels which *were* 16

upon the table, his dishes, and his spoons, and his bowls, and his covers to cover withal, *of pure gold.*

And he made the candlestick *of pure gold: of beaten work* 17
made he the candlestick; his shaft, and his branch, his bowls,
his knops, and his flowers, were of the same: and six branches 18
going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick
out of the one side thereof. and three branches of the candlestick
out of the other side thereof: three bowls made after the fashion 19
of almonds in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three bowls
made like almonds in another branch, a knop and a flower: so
throughout the six branches going out of the candlestick. And 20
in the candlestick *were* four bowls made like almonds, his knops,
and his flowers: and a knop under two branches of the same, 21
and a knop under two branches of the same, and a knop under
two branches of the same, according to the six branches going
out of it. Their knops and their branches were of the same: 22
all of it *was* one beaten work *of pure gold.* And he made his 23
seven lamps, and his snuffers, and his snuff-dishes, *of pure gold.*

Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof. 24
And he made the incense altar *of shittim wood: the length of* 25
it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit; *it was* four-square:
and two cubits *was* the height of it; the horns thereof were of
the same. And he overlaid it with pure gold, *both* the top of it, 26
and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: also he
made unto it a crown of gold round about. And he made two 27
rings of gold for it under the crown thereof, by the two corners
of it, upon the two sides thereof, to be places for the staves to
bear it withal. And he made the staves *of shittim wood,* and 28
overlaid them with gold. And he made the holy anointing oil, 29
and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of
the apothecary.

And he made the altar of burnt-offering *of shittim wood:* 30
five cubits *was* the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth
thereof; *it was* four-square; and three cubits the height thereof.
And he made the horns thereof on the four corners of it: the 2
horns thereof were of the same: and he overlaid it with brass.
And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, 3
and the basins, *and* the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans: all the
vessels thereof made he *of brass.* And he made for the altar a 4
brazen grate of net-work under the compass thereof beneath
unto the midst of it. And he cast four rings for the four ends of 5
the grate of brass, *to be* places for the staves. And he made the 6
staves *of shittim wood,* and overlaid them with brass. And he 7
put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it
withal; he made the altar hollow with boards. And he made 8
the laver *of brass,* and the foot of it *of brass,* of the looking-glasses
of the women assembling, which assembled *at* the door of the
tabernacle of the congregation.

And he made the court: on the south side southward the 9
hangings of the court *were of* fine twined linen, an hundred cu-
bits: their pillars *were* twenty, and their brazen sockets twenty; 10

the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *were of silver*. And for 11
 the north side *the hangings were* an hundred cubits, their pillars
were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty; the hooks of the
 pillars and their fillets *of silver*. And for the west side *were* 12
 hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten;
 the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of silver*. And for the 13
 east side eastward fifty cubits. The hangings of the one side *of* 14
the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets
 three. And for the other side of the court-gate, on this hand and 15
 that hand, *were* hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and
 their sockets three. All the hangings of the court round about 16
were of fine twined linen. And the sockets for the pillars *were* 17
of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets *of silver*; and
 the overlaying of their chapiters *of silver*; and all the pillars of
 the court *were filleted with silver*. And the hanging for the gate 18
 of the court *was needle-work, of blue, and purple, and scarlet,*
and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits *was the length*, and the
 height in the breadth *was five cubits*, answerable to the hangings
 of the court. And their pillars *were four*, and their sockets *of* 19
 brass four; their hooks *of silver*, and the overlaying of their
 chapiters and their fillets *of silver*. And all the pins of the tab- 20
 ernacle, and of the court round about, *were of brass*.

This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even of the tabernacle of* 21
 testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of
 Moses, *for the service of the Levites*, by the hand of Ithamar,
 son to Aaron the priest, 'and Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of 22
 Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded
 Moses. And with him *was* Aholiab, son of Ahisamach, of the 23
 tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a cunning workman, and an em-
 broiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.
 All the gold that was occupied for the work in all the work of 24
 the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty-and-
 nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the
 shekel of the sanctuary. And the silver of them that were num- 25
 bered of the congregation *was* an hundred talents, and a thou-
 sand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the
 shekel of the sanctuary: a bekah for every man, *that is*, half a 26
 shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went
 to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hun-
 dred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty
 men. And of the hundred talents of silver were cast the sockets 27
 of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail; an hundred sock-
 ets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. And of the 28
 thousand seven hundred seventy-and-five *shekels* he made hooks
 for the pillars, and overlaid their chapiters, and filleted them.
 And the brass of the offering *was* seventy talents, and two thou- 29
 sand and four hundred shekels. And therewith he made the 30
 sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the
 brazen altar, and the brazen grate for it, and all the vessels of
 the altar, 'and the sockets of the court round about, and the 31

sockets of the court-gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths³⁹ of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he² made the ephod *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and³ cut *it into* wires, to work *it* in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* cunning work. They⁴ made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple *it* together: by the two edges was it coupled together. And the curious girdle of his ephod, that *was* upon it, *was* of the same, according to the work thereof; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the LORD commanded Moses. And they wrought⁵ onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel. And he put⁶ them on the shoulders of the ephod, *that they should be* stones for a memorial to the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses.⁷

And he made the breast-plate *of* cunning work, like the work⁸ of the ephod; *of* gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. It was four-square; they made the breast-plate⁹ double: a span *was* the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, *being* doubled. And they set in it four rows of stones:¹⁰ *the first row was* a sardius, a topaz, and a carbuncle; *this was* the first row. And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a¹¹ diamond. And the third row, a ligure, an agate, and an amethyst.¹² And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: *they were*¹³ inclosed in ouches of gold in their inclosings. And the stones¹⁴ *were* according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with his name, according to the twelve tribes. And they¹⁵ made upon the breast-plate chains at the ends, *of* wreathen work *of* pure gold. And they made two ouches *of* gold, and two gold¹⁶ rings, and put the two rings in the two ends of the breast-plate. And they put the two wreathen chains of gold in the two rings¹⁷ on the ends of the breast-plate. And the two ends of the two¹⁸ wreathen chains they fastened in the two ouches, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, *before* it. And they made¹⁹ two rings of gold, and put *them* on the two ends of the breast-plate, upon the border of it, which *was* on the side of the ephod inward. And they made two *other* golden rings, and put them²⁰ on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the fore-part of it, over-against the *other* coupling thereof, above the curious girdle of the ephod. And they did bind the breast-plate by his²¹ rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be above the curious girdle of the ephod, and that the breast-plate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And he made the robe of the ephod *of* woven work, all *of* ²² blue. And *there was* a hole in the midst of the robe, as the hole²³

of an habergeon, *with* a band round about the hole, that it should not rend. And they made upon the hems of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined linen. And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the hem of the robe, round about between the pomegranates; a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the hem of the robe to minister in; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, ' and a mitre of fine linen, and goodly bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen, ' and a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needle-work; as the LORD commanded Moses. And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, *like to* the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it on high upon the mitre; as the LORD commanded Moses.

Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they. And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets, ' and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering, ' the ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy-seat, ' the table, and all the vessels thereof, and the show-bread, ' the pure candlestick, *with* the lamps thereof, *even with* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light, ' and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, ' the brazen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, ' the hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation, ' the cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. And thou shalt set the altar of the burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the con-

gregation. And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the 7
 congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. And 8
 thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging
 at the court-gate. And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and 9
 anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it,
 and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. And thou 10
 shalt anoint the altar of the burnt-offering, and all his vessels,
 and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy. And 11
 thou shalt anoint the laver and his foot, and sanctify it. And 12
 thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the taber-
 nacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. And 13
 thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him,
 and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's
 office. And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with 14
 coats: and thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their 15
 father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for
 their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood through-
 out their generations.

THUS did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded 16
 him, so did he. And it came to pass in the first month in the 17
 second year, on the first *day* of the month, *that* the tabernacle
 was reared up. And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and fas- 18
 tened his sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the
 bars thereof, and reared up his pillars. And he spread abroad 19
 the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent
 above upon it; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he took 20
 and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark,
 and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and he brought the 21
 ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the covering, and
 covered the ark of the testimony; as the LORD commanded
 Moses. And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, 22
 upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the vail.
 And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the 23
 LORD had commanded Moses. And he put the candlestick in 24
 the tent of the congregation, over-against the table, on the side
 of the tabernacle southward. And he lighted the lamps before 25
 the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses. And he put the 26
 golden altar in the tent of the congregation before the vail; and 27
 he burnt sweet incense thereon; as the LORD commanded
 Moses. And he set up the hanging *at* the door of the tabernacle. 28
 And he put the altar of burnt-offering *by* the door of the taber- 29
 nacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered upon it the
 burnt-offering and the meat-offering; as the LORD commanded
 Moses. And he set the laver between the tent of the congrega- 30
 tion and the altar, and put water there to wash *withal*. And 31
 Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet
 thereat: when they went into the tent of the congregation, and 32
 when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as the LORD
 commanded Moses. And he reared up the court round about 33
 the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court-
 gate. So Moses finished the work.

THEN a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: but if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

LEVITICUS.

AND the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, *even* of the herd, and of the flock.

If his offering *be* a burnt-sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt-offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that *is by* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it into his pieces. And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar. But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar *to be* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

And if his offering *be* of the flocks, *namely*, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice; he shall bring it a male without blemish. And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle his blood round about upon the altar. And he shall cut it into his pieces, with his head and his fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that *is* on the fire which *is* upon the altar. But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water: and the priest shall bring *it* all, and burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

And if the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the LORD *be* of 14
fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of young
pigeons. And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and wring 15
off his head, and burn *it* on the altar; and the blood thereof shall
be wrung out at the side of the altar. And he shall pluck away 16
his crop with his feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east
part, by the place of the ashes. And he shall cleave it with the 17
wings thereof, *but* shall not divide *it* asunder: and the priest
shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that *is* upon the fire:
it is a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor
unto the LORD.

And when any will offer a meat-offering unto the LORD, his 2
offering shall be *of* fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and
put frankincense thereon. And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons 2
the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour
thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof;
and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, *to be*
an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD: and 3
the remnant of the meat-offering *shall be* Aaron's and his sons':
it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by
fire. And if thou bring an oblation of a meat-offering baken in 4
the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with
oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. And if thy oblation 5
be a meat-offering *baken* in a pan, it shall be *of* fine flour unleavened,
mingled with oil. Thou shalt part it in pieces, and 6
pour oil thereon: *it is* a meat-offering. And if thy oblation *be* a 7
meat-offering *baken* in the frying-pan, it shall be made *of* fine
flour with oil. And thou shalt bring the meat-offering that is 8
made of these things unto the LORD: and when it is presented
unto the priest, he shall bring it unto the altar. And the priest 9
shall take from the meat-offering a memorial thereof, and shall
burn *it* upon the altar: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet
savor unto the LORD. And that which is left of the meat-offering 10
shall be Aaron's and his sons': *it is* a thing most holy of the offer-
ings of the LORD made by fire.

No meat-offering, which ye shall bring unto the LORD, shall 11
be made with leaven. for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any
honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

As for the oblation of the first-fruits, ye shall offer them unto 12
the LORD: but they shall not be burnt on the altar for a sweet
savor. And every oblation of thy meat-offering shalt thou season 13
with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy
God to be lacking from thy meat-offering: with all thine offer-
ings thou shalt offer salt. And if thou offer a meat-offering of 14
thy first-fruits unto the LORD, thou shalt offer for the meat-offer-
ing of thy first-fruits green ears of corn dried by the fire, *even*
corn beaten out of full ears. And thou shalt put oil upon it, and 15
lay frankincense thereon: *it is* a meat-offering. And the priest 16
shall burn the memorial of it, *part* of the beaten corn thereof,
and *part* of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: *it*
is an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

And if his oblation *be* a sacrifice of peace-offering, if he offer *it* of the herd; whether *it be* a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, 'and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* on them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-sacrifice, which *is* upon the wood that *is* on the fire: *it is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the LORD *be* of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. If he offer a lamb for his offering, then shall he offer it before the LORD. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof round about upon the altar. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace-offering an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat thereof, *and* the whole rump, it shall he take off hard by the back-bone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, 'and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

And if his offering *be* a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about. And he shall offer thereof his offering, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the inwards, 'and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away. And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: *it is* the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor: all the fat *is* the LORD'S. *It shall be* a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin-offering. And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand

upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, 5
and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: and the 6
priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood
seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary.
And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the 7
altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which *is* in the taber-
nacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the
bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt-offering, which
is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he
shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin-offering;
the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that *is* upon the
inwards, 'and the two kidneys, and the fat that *is* upon them, 9
which *is* by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the
kidneys, it shall he take away, 'as it was taken off from the 10
bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the priest shall
burn them upon the altar of the burnt-offering. And the skin of 11
the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs,
and his inwards, and his dung, 'even the whole bullock shall he 12
carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes
are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the
ashes are poured out shall he be burnt.

And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, 13
and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they
have done *somewhat against* any of the commandments of the
LORD, *concerning things* which should not be done, and are
guilty; when the sin, which they have sinned against it, is known, 14
then the congregation shall offer a young bullock for the sin,
and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation. And 15
the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head
of the bullock before the LORD: and the bullock shall be killed
before the LORD. And the priest that is anointed shall bring 16
of the bullock's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation. And 17
the priest shall dip his finger *in some* of the blood, and sprinkle
it seven times before the LORD, *even* before the vail. And he 18
shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar which *is*
before the LORD, that *is* in the tabernacle of the congregation,
and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of the
burnt-offering, which *is at* the door of the tabernacle of the con-
gregation. And he shall take all his fat from him, and burn *it* 19
upon the altar. And he shall do with the bullock as he did with 20
the bullock for a sin-offering, so shall he do with this: and the
priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven
them. And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, 21
and burn him as he burned the first bullock: it *is* a sin-offering
for the congregation.

When a ruler hath sinned, and done *somewhat* through igno- 22
rance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God,
concerning things which should not be done, and is guilty; or if 23
his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge; he shall
bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish:

and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it 24
in the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the LORD:
it is a sin-offering. And the priest shall take of the blood of the 25
sin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns of the
altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out his blood at the bottom
of the altar of burnt-offering. And he shall burn all his fat upon 26
the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings: and the
priest shall make an atonement for him as concerning his sin,
and it shall be forgiven him.

And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, 27
while he doeth *somewhat against* any of the commandments of
the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and be 28
guilty; or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his know-
ledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a fe- 29
male without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. And
he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay 30
the sin-offering in the place of the burnt-offering. And the
priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put *it* 31
upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out
all the blood thereof at the bottom of the altar. And he shall 32
take away all the fat thereof, as the fat is taken away from off
the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn *it* upon 33
the altar for a sweet savor unto the LORD; and the priest
shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him.
And if he bring a lamb for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a fe- 34
male without blemish. And he shall lay his hand upon the head
of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering in the place where 35
they kill the burnt-offering. And the priest shall take of the
blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put *it* upon the horns
of the altar of burnt-offering, and shall pour out all the blood
thereof at the bottom of the altar: and he shall take away all the 36
fat thereof, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacri-
fice of the peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them upon
the altar, according to the offerings made by fire unto the LORD:
and the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he hath
committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and *is a* 5
witness, whether he hath seen or known *of it*; if he do not utter
it, then he shall bear his iniquity. Or if a soul touch any unclean 2
thing, whether *it be* a carcass of an unclean beast, or a carcass
of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and
if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty.
Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness 3
it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him;
when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty. Or if a soul 4
swear, pronouncing with *his* lips to do evil, or to do good, what-
soever *it be* that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be
hid from him; when he knoweth *of it*, then he shall be guilty
in one of these. And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one 5
of these *things*, that he shall confess that he hath sinned in that
thing: and he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD 6

for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb
 or a kid of the goats, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make
 an atonement for him concerning his sin. And if he be not able
 to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass, which he
 hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto
 the LORD; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-
 offering. And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall
 offer *that* which is for the sin-offering first, and wring off his head
 from his neck, but shall not divide *it* asunder: and he shall
 sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar;
 and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the
 altar: *it is a sin-offering.* And he shall offer the second *for* a
 burnt-offering, according to the manner: and the priest shall
 make an atonement for him for his sin which he hath sinned,
 and it shall be forgiven him. But if he be not able to bring two
 turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall
 bring for his offering the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a
 sin-offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put *any*
 frankincense thereon; for it is a sin-offering. Then shall he
 bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it,
even a memorial thereof, and burn *it* on the altar, according to
 the offerings made by fire unto the LORD: *it is a sin-offering.*
 And the priest shall make an atonement for him as touching his
 sin that he hath sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven
 him: and *the remnant* shall be the priest's, as a meat-offering.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'If a soul commit a
 trespass, and sin through ignorance, in the holy things of the
 LORD; then he shall bring for his trespass unto the LORD a
 ram without blemish out of the flocks, with thy estimation by
 shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass-
 offering: and he shall make amends for the harm that he hath
 done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and
 give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement
 for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and it shall be for-
 given him. And if a soul sin, and commit any of these things
 which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the
 LORD; though he wist *it* not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his
 iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the
 flock, with thy estimation for a trespass-offering, unto the priest:
 and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his
 ignorance wherein he erred and wist *it* not, and it shall be for-
 given him. *It is a trespass-offering: he hath certainly trespassed*
against the LORD.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'If a soul sin, and
 commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbor
 in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a
 thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbor;
 or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and
 sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning
 therein: then it shall be, because he hath sinned and is guilty,
 that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the

thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, 'or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, *and* give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass-offering. And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt-offering: it is the burnt-offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt-offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace-offerings. The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

And this is the law of the meat-offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar. And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat-offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat-offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor, *even* the memorial of it, unto the LORD. And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it. It shall not be baken with leaven. I have given it *unto them* for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering. All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night. In a pan it shall be made with oil; *and when it is* baken, thou shalt bring it in: *and* the baken pieces of the meat-offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savor unto the LORD. And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: *it is* a statute for ever unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt. For every meat-offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

'AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Speak unto Aaron 24
and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin-offering: in the
place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be
killed before the LORD: it is most holy. The priest that offer- 26
eth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in
the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. Whatsoever 27
shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is
sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash
that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place. But the earthen 28
vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden
in a brazen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water. All 29
the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy.
And no sin-offering, whereof *any* of the blood is brought into 30
the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile *withal* in the holy
place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

Likewise this is the law of the trespass-offering: it is most 7
holy. In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they 2
kill the trespass-offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle
round about upon the altar. And he shall offer of it all the fat 3
thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, ' and 4
the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the
flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it
shall he take away: and the priest shall burn them upon the 5
altar for an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a tres-
pass-offering. Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: 6
it shall be eaten in the holy place: it is most holy. As the sin- 7
offering is, so is the trespass-offering: there is one law for them:
the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it. And 8
the priest that offereth any man's burnt-offering, *even* the priest
shall have to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he
hath offered. And all the meat-offering that is baken in the oven, 9
and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and in the pan, shall be
the priest's that offereth it. And every meat-offering, mingled 10
with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much
as another.

And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which 11
he shall offer unto the LORD. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, 12
then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened
cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed
with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. Besides 13
the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the
sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace-offerings. And of it he 14
shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave-offering
unto the LORD, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the
blood of the peace-offerings. And the flesh of the sacrifice of 15
his peace-offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day
that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary 16
offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacri-
fice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:
but the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day 17

shall be burnt with fire. And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice 18
of his peace-offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not
be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth
it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall
bear his iniquity. And the flesh that toucheth any unclean *thing* 19
shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the
flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof. But the soul that eateth 20
of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, that *pertain* unto
the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul
shall be cut off from his people. Moreover the soul that shall 21
touch any unclean *thing*, as the uncleanness of man, or *any* un-
clean beast, or any abominable unclean *thing*, and eat of the
flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which *pertain* unto the
LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 22
children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox,
or of sheep, or of goat. And the fat of the beast that dieth of 24
itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used
in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it. For whoso- 25
ever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering
made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth *it* shall
be cut off from his people. Moreover ye shall eat no manner of 26
blood, *whether it be* of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.
Whatsoever soul *it be* that eateth any manner of blood, even that 27
soul shall be cut off from his people.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 28
children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his
peace-offerings unto the LORD shall bring his oblation unto the
LORD of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings. His own hands 30
shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with
the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved *for* a
wave-offering before the LORD. And the priest shall burn the 31
fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'.
And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest *for* an heave- 32
offering of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings. He among the 33
sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and
the fat, shall have the right shoulder for *his* part. For the wave- 34
breast and the heave-shoulder have I taken of the children of
Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have
given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute
for ever from among the children of Israel. This *is the portion* 35
of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out
of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day *when* he
presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;
which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children 36
of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, *by* a statute for ever
throughout their generations. This *is* the law of the burnt- 37
offering, of the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the
trespass-offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of
the peace-offerings; which the LORD commanded Moses in 38
mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Is-

rael to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Take Aaron and
his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a
bullock for the sin-offering, and two rams, and a basket of un-
leavened bread; and gather thou all the congregation together
unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And Moses
did as the LORD commanded him; and the assembly was gath-
ered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congrega-
tion. And Moses said unto the congregation, This *is* the thing
which the LORD commanded to be done. And Moses brought
Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. And he put
upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed
him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded
him with the curious girdle of the ephod, and bound *it* unto him
therewith. And he put the breast-plate upon him: also he put
in the breast-plate the Urim and the Thummim. And he put
the mitre upon his head; also upon the mitre, *even* upon his fore-
front, did he put the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD
commanded Moses. And Moses took the anointing oil, and
anointed the tabernacle and all that *was* therein, and sanctified
them. And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and
anointed the altar and all his vessels, both the laver and his foot,
to sanctify them. And he poured of the anointing oil upon
Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. And Moses
brought Aaron's sons, and put coats upon them, and girded
them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them; as the LORD
commanded Moses. And he brought the bullock for the sin-
offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the
head of the bullock for the sin-offering. And he slew *it*; and
Moses took the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round
about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the
blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make recon-
ciliation upon it. And he took all the fat that *was* upon the in-
wards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and
their fat, and Moses burned *it* upon the altar. But the bullock,
and his hide, his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without
the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he brought
the ram for the burnt-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their
hands upon the head of the ram. And he killed *it*; and Moses
sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. And he cut the
ram into pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and
the fat. And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and
Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: *it was* a burnt-sacri-
fice for a sweet savor, *and* an offering made by fire unto the
LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he brought the
other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid
their hands upon the head of the ram. And he slew *it*; and
Moses took of the blood of it, and put *it* upon the tip of Aaron's
right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the
great toe of his right foot. And he brought Aaron's sons, and

Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that *was* upon the inwards, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder: and out of the basket of unleavened bread, that *was* before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put *them* on the fat, and upon the right shoulder: and he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his son's hands, and waved them *for* a wave-offering before the LORD. And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt *them* on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they *were* consecrations for a sweet savor: it is an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And Moses took the breast, and waved it *for* a wave-offering before the LORD: *for* of the ram of consecration it was Moses' part; as the LORD commanded Moses. And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which *was* upon the altar, and sprinkled *it* upon Aaron, *and* upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, *and* his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and there eat it with the bread that *is* in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire. And ye shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation *in* seven days, until the days of your consecration be at an end: for seven days shall he consecrate you. As he hath done this day, *so* the LORD hath commanded to do, to make an atonement for you. Therefore shall ye abide *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded. So Aaron and his sons did all things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

AND it came to pass on the eighth day, *that* Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; and he said unto Aaron, Take thee a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer *them* before the LORD. And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a kid of the goats for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, *both* of the first year, without blemish, for a burnt-offering: also a bullock and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meat-offering mingled with oil: for to-day the LORD will appear unto you. And they brought *that* which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. And Moses said, This *is* the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the LORD shall appear unto you. And Moses said unto Aaron, Go unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make an atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the offering of the peo-

ple, and make an atonement for them; as the LORD commanded.

Aaron therefore went unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which *was* for himself. And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put *it* upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar: but the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul above the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD commanded Moses. And the flesh and the hide he burnt with fire without the camp. And he slew the burnt-offering; and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar. And they presented the burnt-offering unto him, with the pieces thereof, and the head: and he burnt *them* upon the altar. And he did wash the inwards and the legs, and burnt *them* upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

And he brought the people's offering, and took the goat, which *was* the sin-offering for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin as the first. And he brought the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the manner. And he brought the meat-offering, and took an handful thereof, and burnt *it* upon the altar, beside the burnt-sacrifice of the morning. He slew also the bullock and the ram *for* a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which *was* for the people: and Aaron's sons presented unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about, and the fat of the bullock and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul *above* the liver: and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar: and the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron waved *for* a wave-offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded.

And Aaron lifted up his hand toward the people, and blessed them, and came down from offering of the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and peace-offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat: *which* when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

AND Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said unto Aaron, This *is it* that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. 'And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. So they went near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said. And

Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Uncover not your heads, neither rend your clothes; lest ye die, and lest wrath come upon all the people: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled. And ye shall not go out from the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses. 7

AND the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying, Do not drink wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: *it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: and that ye may put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean; and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.* 8,9 10 11

AND Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meat-offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy: and ye shall eat it in the holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire: for so I am commanded. And the wave-breast and heave-shoulder shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for *they be* thy due, and thy sons' due, *which* are given out of the sacrifices of peace-offerings of the children of Israel. The heave-shoulder and the wave-breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before the LORD; and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, by a statute for ever; as the LORD hath commanded. 12 13 14 15

And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and behold, it was burnt; and he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron *which were left alive*, saying, Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and *God* hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? Behold, the blood of it was not brought in within the holy place: ye should indeed have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded. And Aaron said unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before the LORD; and such things have befallen me: and *if* I had eaten the sin-offering to-day, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD? And when Moses heard *that*, he was content. 16 17 18 19 20

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: *as* the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 2 3 4

And the coney, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not 5
the hoof; he *is* unclean unto you. And the hare, because he 6
cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof: he *is* unclean unto
you. And the swine, though he divide the hoof, and be cloven- 7
footed, yet he cheweth not the cud; he *is* unclean to you. Of 8
their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch;
they *are* unclean to you.

These shall ye eat of all that *are* in the waters: whatsoever 9
hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers,
them shall ye eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the 10
seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of any
living thing which *is* in the waters, they *shall be* an abomination
unto you: they shall be even an abomination unto you; ye shall 11
not eat of their flesh, but ye shall have their carcasses in abomi-
nation. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that 12
shall be an abomination unto you.

And these *are they which* ye shall have in abomination among 13
the fowls: they shall not be eaten, they *are* an abomination; the
eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, 'and the vulture, and 14
the kite after his kind; 'every raven after his kind; 'and the 15
owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckow, and the hawk after his
kind, 'and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl, 17
'and the swan, and the pelican, and the gier eagle, 'and the 18
stork, the heron after her kind, and the lapwing, and the bat.

All fowls that creep, going upon *all* four, *shall be* an abomina- 20
tion unto you. Yet these may ye eat of every flying creeping 21
thing that goeth upon *all* four, which have legs above their feet,
to leap withal upon the earth; *even* these of them ye may eat: 22
the locust after his kind, and the bald locust after his kind, and
the beetle after his kind, and the grasshopper after his kind. But 23
all *other* flying creeping things, which have four feet, *shall be*
an abomination unto you. And for these ye shall be unclean: 24
whosoever toucheth the carcass of them shall be unclean until
the even. And whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcass of them 25
shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. *The car-* 26
casses of every beast which divideth the hoof, and *is* not cloven-
footed, nor cheweth the cud, *are* unclean unto you: every one
that toucheth them shall be unclean.

And whatsoever goeth upon his paws, among all manner of 27
beasts that go on *all* four, those *are* unclean unto you: whoso
toucheth their carcass shall be unclean until the even. And he 28
that beareth the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be
unclean until the even: they *are* unclean unto you.

These also *shall be* unclean unto you among the creeping 29
things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse,
and the tortoise after his kind, 'and the ferret, and the chameleon, 30
and the lizard, and the snail, and the mole. These *are* unclean 31
to you among all that creep; whosoever doth touch them, when
they be dead, shall be unclean until the even.

And upon whatsoever *any* of them, when they are dead, doth 32
fall, it shall be unclean; whether *it be* any vessel of wood, or

raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel *it be*, wherein *any* work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; so it shall be cleansed. And every earthen vessel, whereinto *any* of them falleth, whatsoever *is* in it shall be unclean; and ye shall break it. Of all meat which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water cometh shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean. And every *thing* whereupon *any part* of their carcass falleth shall be unclean; *whether it be* oven, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down: *for they are* unclean, and shall be unclean unto you. Nevertheless a fountain or pit, *wherein there is* plenty of water, shall be clean: but that which toucheth their carcass shall be unclean. And if *any part* of their carcass fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it *shall be* clean. But if *any* water be put upon the seed, and *any part* of their carcass fall thereon, it *shall be* unclean unto you.

And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcass thereof shall be unclean until the even. And he that eateth of the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth *shall be* an abomination; it shall not be eaten. Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon *all* four, or whatsoever hath more feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they *are* an abomination. Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby.

For I *am* the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I *am* holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. For I *am* the LORD that bringeth you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I *am* holy. This *is* the law of the beasts, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth: to make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man-child; then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying three-and-thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. But if she bear a maid-child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days. And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter,

she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest: who shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that hath born a male or a female. And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, saying, ' When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, a scab, or bright spot, and it be in the skin of his flesh *like* the plague of leprosy; then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests: and the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and *when* the hair in the plague is turned white, and the plague in sight *be* deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. If the bright spot *be* white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight *be* not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white; then the priest shall shut up him *that hath* the plague seven days: and the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague in his sight be at a stay, *and* the plague spread not in the skin; then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: and the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, *if* the plague *be* somewhat dark, *and* the plague spread not in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean: it *is but* a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. But if the scab spread much abroad in the skin, after that he hath been seen of the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen of the priest again: and *if* the priest see that, behold, the scab spreadeth in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a leprosy.

When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest; 'and the priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the rising *be* white in the skin, and it have turned the hair white, and *there be* quick raw flesh in the rising; it *is* an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up: for he *is* unclean.

And if a leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of him *that hath* the plague from his head even to his foot, wheresoever the priest looketh; then the priest shall consider: and, behold, *if* the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean *that hath* the plague: it is all turned white: he *is* clean. But when raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean. And the priest shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean: *for* the raw flesh *is* unclean: it *is* a leprosy. Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come unto the priest; and the priest shall see him: and, behold, *if* the plague be turned into white; then the priest shall pronounce him clean *that hath* the plague: he *is* clean.

The flesh also, in which, *even* in the skin thereof, was a boil, 18 and is healed, ' and in the place of the boil there be a white rising, 19 or a bright spot, white, and somewhat reddish, and it be showed to the priest; and if, when the priest seeth it, behold, it *be* in sight 20 lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white; the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil. But if the priest look on it, and, behold, 21 *there be* no white hairs therein, and *if* it *be* not lower than the skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: and if it spread much abroad in the skin, then the 22 priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a plague. But if the 23 bright spot stay in his place, *and* spread not, it *is* a burning boil; and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

Or if there be *any* flesh, in the skin whereof *there is* a hot 24 burning, and the quick *flesh* that burneth have a white bright spot, somewhat reddish, or white; then the priest shall look upon 25 it: and, behold, *if* the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and it *be* in sight deeper than the skin; it *is* a leprosy broken out of the burning: wherefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy. But if the priest look on it, 26 and, behold, *there be* no white hair in the bright spot, and it *be* no lower than the *other* skin, but *be* somewhat dark; then the priest shall shut him up seven days: and the priest shall look 27 upon him the seventh day: *and* if it be spread much abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* the plague of leprosy. And if the bright spot stay in his place, *and* 28 spread not in the skin, but it *be* somewhat dark; it *is* a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it *is* an inflammation of the burning.

If a man or woman have a plague upon the head or the beard; 29 ' then the priest shall see the plague: and, behold, if it *be* in sight 30 deeper than the skin; *and there be* in it a yellow thin hair; then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it *is* a dry scall, *even* a leprosy upon the head or beard. And if the priest look on the 31 plague of the scall, and, behold, it *be* not in sight deeper than the skin, and *that there is* no black hair in it; then the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the plague of the scall seven days: and in 32 the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, *if* the scall spread not, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the scall *be* not in sight deeper than the skin; he shall be shaven, 33 but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up *him that hath* the scall seven days more: and in the seventh day the 34 priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, *if* the scall be not spread in the skin, nor *be* in sight deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. But if the scall spread much in the skin after his 35 cleansing; ' then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if 36 the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for yellow hair; he *is* unclean. But if the scall be in his sight at a 37 stay, and *that there is* black hair grown up therein; the scall is healed, he *is* clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

If a man also or a woman have in the skin of their flesh bright spots, *even* white bright spots; 'then the priest shall look: and, behold, *if* the bright spots in the skin of their flesh *be* darkish white; it is a freckled spot *that* groweth in the skin; he *is* clean.

And the man whose hair is fallen off his head, he *is* bald; *yet* *is* he clean. And he that hath his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he *is* forehead bald: *yet* *is* he clean. And if there be in the bald head, or bald forehead, a white reddish sore; it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head, or his bald forehead. Then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, *if* the rising of the sore *be* white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appeareth in the skin of the flesh; 'he is a leprous man, he *is* unclean: the priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean; his plague *is* in his head.

And the leper in whom the plague *is*, his clothes shall be rent, and his head bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. All the days wherein the plague *shall be* in him he shall be defiled; he *is* unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp *shall* his habitation *be*.

The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, *whether it be* a woollen garment, or a linen garment; *whether it be* in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; *whether in* a skin, or in any thing made of skin; and if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a plague of leprosy, and shall be showed unto the priest: and the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *it that hath* the plague seven days: and he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in a skin, or in any work that is made of skin; the plague *is* a fretting leprosy; it *is* unclean. He shall therefore burn that garment, *whether* warp or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague *is*: for it *is* a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire. And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* wherein the plague *is*, and he shall shut it up seven days more: and the priest shall look on the plague, after that it is washed: and, behold, *if* the plague have not changed his color, and the plague be not spread; it *is* unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire; it *is* fret inward; *whether it be* bare within or without. And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague *be* somewhat dark after the washing of it; then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof: and if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is a spreading plague: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague *is* with fire. And the garment, either warp, or woof, or whatsoever thing of skin *it be*, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed the second time, and shall be clean. This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of

woollen or linen, either in the warp, or woof, or any thing of skins, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'This shall be the **14**
law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: he shall be brought
unto the priest: and the priest shall go forth out of the camp; **3**
and the priest shall look, and, behold, *if* the plague of leprosy
be healed in the leper; then shall the priest command to take **4**
for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive *and* clean, and cedar
wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: and the priest shall command **5**
that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running
water: as for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar **6**
wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and
the living bird in the blood of the bird *that was* killed over the
running water: and he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be **7**
cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him
clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field. And **8**
he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all
his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and
after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad
out of his tent seven days. But it shall be on the seventh day, **9**
that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his
eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off; and he shall wash
his clothes, also he shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be
clean. And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs with- **10**
out blemish, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish,
and three tenth-deals of fine flour *for* a meat-offering, mingled
with oil, and one log of oil. And the priest that maketh *him* **11**
clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those
things, before the LORD, *at* the door of the tabernacle of the
congregation: and the priest shall take one he-lamb, and offer **12**
him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and wave them *for*
a wave-offering before the LORD: and he shall slay the lamb in **13**
the place where he shall kill the sin-offering and the burnt-
offering, in the holy place: for as the sin-offering *is* the
priest's, *so is* the trespass-offering: *it is* most holy: 'and the **14**
priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the
priest shall put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the
great toe of his right foot: and the priest shall take *some* of the **15**
log of oil, and pour *it* into the palm of his own left hand: and **16**
the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that *is* in his left
hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times
before the LORD; and of the rest of the oil that *is* in his hand **17**
shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to
be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon
the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-
offering: and the remnant of the oil that *is* in the priest's hand **18**
he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and
the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.
And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make an atone- **19**
ment for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and

afterward he shall kill the burnt-offering: and the priest shall 20
offer the burnt-offering and the meat-offering upon the altar:
and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be
clean.

And if he *be* poor, and cannot get so much; then he shall take 21
one lamb *for* a trespass-offering to be waved, to make an atone-
ment for him, and one tenth-deal of fine flour mingled with oil
for a meat-offering, and a log of oil; and two turtle-doves, or 22
two young pigeons, such as he is able to get; and the one shall
be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering. And he shall 23
bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing unto the priest,
unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, before the
LORD. And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, 24
and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them *for* a wave-
offering before the LORD: and he shall kill the lamb of the tres- 25
pass-offering, and the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the
trespass-offering, and put *it* upon the tip of the right ear of him
that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and
upon the great toe of his right foot: and the priest shall pour of 26
the oil into the palm of his own left hand: and the priest shall 27
sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that *is* in his left
hand seven times before the LORD: and the priest shall put of 28
the oil that *is* in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him
that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and
upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood
of the trespass-offering: and the rest of the oil that *is* in the 29
priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be
cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD. And 30
he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons,
such as he can get; *even* such as he is able to get, the one *for* a 31
sin-offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering, with the meat-
offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is
to be cleansed before the LORD. This *is* the law of him in whom 32
is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get *that which*
pertaineth to his cleansing.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying. 33
When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you 34
for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of
the land of your possession; and he that owneth the house shall 35
come and tell the priest, saying, It seemeth to me *there is* as it
were a plague in the house: then the priest shall command that 36
they empty the house, before the priest go *into it* to see the plague,
that all that *is* in the house be not made unclean: and afterward
the priest shall go in to see the house: and he shall look on the 37
plague, and behold, *if* the plague *be* in the walls of the house
with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which in sight *are* lower
than the wall; then the priest shall go out of the house to the 38
door of the house, and shut up the house seven days; and the 39
priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and,
behold, *if* the plague be spread in the walls of the house; then 40
the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which

the plague is, and they shall cast them into an unclean place
 without the city: and he shall cause the house to be scraped 41
 within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they
 scrape off without the city into an unclean place: and they shall 42
 take other stones, and put *them* in the place of those stones; and
 he shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house. And if 43
 the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he
 hath taken away the stones, and after he hath scraped the house,
 and after it is plastered; then the priest shall come and look. 44
 and, behold, *if* the plague be spread in the house, it *is* a fretting
 leprosy in the house: it *is* unclean. And he shall break down 45
 the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the
 mortar of the house; and he shall carry *them* forth out of the
 city into an unclean place. Moreover he that goeth into the 46
 house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the
 even. And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes: 47
 and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes. And if 48
 the priest shall come in, and look *upon it*, and, behold, the plague
 hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered:
 then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the
 plague is healed. And he shall take to cleanse the house two 49
 birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: and he shall kill 50
 the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water:
 and he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, 51
 and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird,
 and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times:
 and he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and 52
 with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the
 cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet: but he 53
 shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open fields,
 and make an atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.

This *is* the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and 54
 scall, 'and for the leprosy of a garment, and of a house, 'and 55
 for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot: to teach when 57
it is unclean, and when *it is* clean: this *is* the law of leprosy.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying, 'Speak 15
 unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man
 hath a running issue out of his flesh, *because of* his issue he *is*
 unclean. And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether 3
 his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue,
it is his uncleanness. Every bed, whereon he lieth that hath 4
 the issue, is unclean: and every thing, whereon he sitteth, shall
 be unclean. And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his 5
 clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the
 even. And he that sitteth on *any* thing whereon he sat that 6
 hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water,
 and be unclean until the even. And he that toucheth the flesh 7
 of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe *him-*
self in water, and be unclean until the even. And if he that 8
 hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash
 his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the

even. And what saddle soever he rideth upon that hath the 9
 issue shall be unclean. And whosoever toucheth any thing 10
 that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he
 that beareth *any* of those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean until the even. And whomso- 11
 ever he toucheth that hath the issue, and hath not rinsed his
 hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in
 water, and be unclean until the even. And the vessel of earth, 12
 that he toucheth which hath the issue, shall be broken: and
 every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. And when he that 13
 hath an issue is cleansed of his issue; then he shall number to
 himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and
 bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. And on 14
 the eighth day he shall take to him two turtle-doves, or two
 young pigeons, and come before the LORD unto the door of the
 tabernacle of the congregation, and give them unto the priest:
 and the priest shall offer them, the one *for* a sin-offering, and the 15
 other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make an atone-
 ment for him before the LORD for his issue. And if any man's 16
 seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his
 flesh in water, and be unclean until the even, and every gar- 17
 ment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be
 washed with water, and be unclean until the even. The woman 18
 also with whom man shall lie *with* seed of copulation, they shall
both bathe *themselves* in water, and be unclean until the even.

And if a woman have an issue, *and* her issue in her flesh be 19
 blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever touch-
 eth her shall be unclean until the even. And every thing that 20
 she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing
 also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. And whosoever 21
 toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in
 water, and be unclean until the even. And whosoever toucheth 22
 any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean until the even. And if it be 23
 on *her* bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth
 it, he shall be unclean until the even. And if any man lie with 24
 her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean
 seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.
 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the 25
 time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separa-
 tion; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the
 days of her separation: she *shall be* unclean. Every bed whereon 26
 she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of
 her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean,
 as the uncleanness of her separation. And whosoever toucheth 27
 those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and
 bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even. But if 28
 she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself
 seven days, and after that she shall be clean. And on the eighth 29
 day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons,
 and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of

the congregation. And the priest shall offer the one *for* a sin- 30
offering, and the other *for* a burnt-offering; and the priest shall
make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her
uncleanness.

Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their un- 31
cleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they
defile my tabernacle that *is* among them. This *is* the law of 32
him that hath an issue, and *of him* whose seed goeth from him,
and is defiled therewith; and of her that is sick of her flowers, 33
and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman,
and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two 16
sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died:
'and the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, 2
that he come not at all times into the holy *place* within the vail
before the mercy-seat, which *is* upon the ark; that he die not:
for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat. Thus shall 3
Aaron come into the holy *place*: with a young bullock for a sin-
offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. He shall put on the 4
holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his
flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen
mitre shall he be attired: these *are* holy garments; therefore
shall he wash his flesh in water, and *so* put them on. And he 5
shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids
of the goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.
And Aaron shall offer his bullock of the sin-offering, which *is* 6
for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house.
And he shall take the two goats, and present them before the 7
LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And 8
Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD,
and the other lot for the scape-goat. And Aaron shall bring the 9
goat upon which the LORD'S lot fell, and offer him *for* a sin-of-
fering. But the goat, on which the lot fell to be the scape-goat, 10
shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atone-
ment with him, *and* to let him go for a scape-goat into the wil-
derness.

And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin-offering, which 11
is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for
his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which *is*
for himself: and he shall take a censer full of burning coals of 12
fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of
sweet incense beaten small, and bring *it* within the vail: and 13
he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the
cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that *is* upon the
testimony, that he die not: and he shall take of the blood of the 14
bullock, and sprinkle *it* with his finger upon the mercy-seat east-
ward; and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood
with his finger seven times. Then shall he kill the goat of the 15
sin-offering, that *is* for the people, and bring his blood within the
vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bul-
lock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-

seat: and he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because 16
of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their
transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the taber-
nacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the
midst of their uncleanness. And there shall be no man in the 17
tabernacle of the congregation when he goeth in to make an
atonement in the holy *place*, until he come out, and have made
an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the
congregation of Israel. And he shall go out unto the altar that 18
is before the LORD, and make an atonement for it; and shall
take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat,
and put *it* upon the horns of the altar round about. And he shall 19
sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and
cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children
of Israel.

And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy *place*, 20
and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall
bring the live goat: and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the 21
head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of
the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their
sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him*
away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: and the goat 22
shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited:
and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, 23
and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he
went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there: and he 24
shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his
garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the
burnt-offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself,
and for the people. And the fat of the sin-offering shall he burn 25
upon the altar.

And he that let go the goat for the scape-goat shall wash his 26
clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into
the camp.

And the bullock *for* the sin-offering, and the goat *for* the sin- 27
offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the
holy *place*, shall *one* carry forth without the camp; and they
shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.
And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his 28
flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

And *this* shall be a statute for ever unto you; *that* in the 29
seventh month, on the tenth *day* of the month, ye shall afflict
your souls, and do no work at all, *whether it be* one of your own
country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you: for on that 30
day shall *the priest* make an atonement for you, to cleanse you,
that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. It 31
shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls,
by a statute for ever. And the priest, whom he shall anoint, 32
and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in
his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the

linen clothes, *even* the holy garments: and he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar, and he shall make an atonement for the priests, and for all the people of the congregation. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them: This *is* the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying, What man soever *there be* of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth *it* out of the camp, and bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD; blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they offer in the open field, *even* that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them *for* peace-offerings unto the LORD. And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savor unto the LORD. And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations. And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers which sojourn among you, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice, and bringeth it not unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer it unto the LORD; *even* that man shall be cut off from among his people.

And whatsoever man *there be* of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. And whatsoever man *there be* of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. For *it is* the life of all flesh; the blood of it *is* for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh *is* the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

And every soul that eateth that which died *of itself*, or that

which was torn *with beasts*, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean. But if he wash *them* not, nor bathe his flesh, then he 16 shall bear his iniquity.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 18 children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I *am* the LORD your God. Ye shall 4 therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments; which if a man do, he shall live in them: I *am* the LORD. 5

None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, 6 to uncover *their* nakedness: I *am* the LORD. The nakedness 7 of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover; she *is* thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it *is* thy father's nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, 8 the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, *whether she be* born at home, or born abroad, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of 10 thy daughter's daughter, *even* their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for their's *is* thine own nakedness. The nakedness of 11 thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she *is* thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not 12 uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she *is* thy father's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of 13 thy mother's sister: for she *is* thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, 14 thou shalt not approach to his wife: she *is* thine aunt. Thou 15 shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she *is* thy son's wife: thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou 16 shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it *is* thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of 17 a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; *for they are* her near kinswomen: it *is* wickedness. Neither 18 shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life *time*.

Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her 19 nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. More- 20 over thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor's wife, to defile thyself with her. And thou shalt not let any of thy seed 21 pass through *the fire* to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD. Thou shalt not lie with 22 mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination. Neither shalt 23 thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion.

Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all 24
 these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: and 25
 the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon
 it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. Ye shall 26
 therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not
 commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own
 nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (for all these 27
 abominations have the men of the land done, which *were* before
 you, and the land is defiled;) that the land spew not you out 28
 also, when ye defile it, as it spewed out the nations that *were*
 before you. For whosoever shall commit any of these abomina- 29
 tions, even the souls that commit *them* shall be cut off from
 among their people. Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, 30
 that *ye* commit not *any one* of these abominable customs, which
 were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves
 therein: I *am* the LORD your God.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto all 19
 the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them.
 Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy. Ye shall 3
 fear every man his mother and his father, and keep my sabbaths:
 I *am* the LORD your God. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to 4
 yourselves molten gods: I *am* the LORD your God.

And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto the LORD, 5
 ye shall offer it at your own will. It shall be eaten the same day 6
 ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if aught remain until the
 third day, it shall be burnt in the fire. And if it be eaten at all 7
 on the third day, it *is* abominable; it shall not be accepted.
 Therefore *every one* that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because 8
 he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: and that
 soul shall be cut off from among his people.

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not 9
 wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather
 the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vine- 10
 yard; neither shalt thou gather *every* grape of thy vineyard; thou
 shalt leave them for the poor and stranger; I *am* the LORD
 your God.

Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to 11
 another. And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, neither 12
 shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I *am* the LORD. Thou 13
 shalt not defraud thy neighbor, neither rob *him*: the wages of
 him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the
 morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling- 14
 block before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I *am* the LORD.
 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not 15
 respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty:
but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor. Thou shalt 16
 not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither
 shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I *am* the
 LORD. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou 17
 shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon
 him. Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the 18

children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: *I am the LORD.*

Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender 19
with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled
seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen
come upon thee. And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, 20
that is a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all re-
deemed, nor freedom given her; she shall be scourged: they
shall not be put to death, because she was not free. And he 21
shall bring his trespass-offering unto the LORD, unto the door
of the tabernacle of the congregation, *even a ram for a trespass-*
offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him with 22
the ram of the trespass-offering before the LORD, for his sin
which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be
forgiven him.

And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted 23
all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof
as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto
you: it shall not be eaten of. But in the fourth year all the fruit 24
thereof shall be holy to praise the LORD *withal.* And in the fifth 25
year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof: that it may yield unto you
the increase thereof: *I am the LORD your God.*

Ye shall not eat *any thing* with the blood: neither shall ye 26
use enchantment, nor observe times. Ye shall not round the 27
corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy
beard. Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the 28
dead, nor print any marks upon you: *I am the LORD.* Do not 29
prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore: lest the
land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.
Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: *I am* 30
the LORD. Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither 31
seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: *I am the LORD your*
God.

Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face 32
of the old man, and fear thy God: *I am the LORD.* And if a 33
stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not vex him.
But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as 34
one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself: for ye
were strangers in the land of Egypt: *I am the LORD your God.*

Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in mete-yard, in 35
weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, 36
and a just hin, shall ye have: *I am the LORD your God,* which
brought you out of the land of Egypt. Therefore shall ye ob- 37
serve all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: *I am*
the LORD.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Again, thou shalt 20
say to the children of Israel, Whosoever *he be* of the children of
Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth *any*
of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the
people of the land shall stone him with stones. And I will set 3
my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his

people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not: then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people. And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I *am* the LORD which sanctify you.

For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother: his blood *shall be* upon him. And the man that committeth adultery with *another* man's wife, *even he* that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. And if a man lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood *shall be* upon them. If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. And if a man take a wife and her mother, it *is* wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood *shall be* upon them. And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it *is* a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spew you not out. And ye shall not walk in the manners of the

nations, which I cast out before you : for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey : I *am* the LORD your God, which have separated you from *other* people. Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean : and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. And ye shall be holy unto me : for I the LORD *am* holy, and have severed you from *other* people, that ye should be mine.

A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death : they shall stone them with stones : their blood *shall be* upon them.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people : but for his kin, that is near unto him, *that is*, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother, ' and for his sister a virgin, that is nigh unto him which hath had no husband : for her may he be defiled. *But* he shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to profane himself. They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God : for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, *and* the bread of their God, they do offer : therefore they shall be holy. They shall not take a wife *that is* a whore, or profane ; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband : for he is holy unto his God. Thou shalt sanctify him therefore ; for he offereth the bread of thy God : he shall be holy unto thee : for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy. And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father : she shall be burnt with fire.

And *he that is* the high-priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head nor rend his clothes ; neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother ; neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God ; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him : I *am* the LORD. And he shall take a wife in her virginity. A widow, or a divorced woman, or profane, *or* an harlot, these shall he not take : but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. Neither shall he profane his seed among his people : for I the LORD do sanctify him.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever *he be* of thy seed in their generations that hath *any* blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. For whatsoever man *he be* that hath a blemish, he shall

not approach : a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous, 'or a man that is broken-footed, or 19 broken-handed, 'or crook-backt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish 20 in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken : no man that hath a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall 21 come nigh to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire : he hath a blemish ; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. He shall eat the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy, 22 and of the holy. Only he shall not go in unto the vail, nor come 23 nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish ; that he profane not my sanctuaries : for I the LORD do sanctify them. And 24 Moses told *it* unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Speak unto Aaron 22 and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they profane not my holy name *in those things* which they hallow unto me : I *am* the LORD. Say unto them, Whosoever *he be* of all your seed among 3 your generations, that goeth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence : I *am* the LORD. What man soever of the seed of Aaron *is* a leper, 4 or hath a running issue ; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth any thing *that is* unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him ; or whosoever 5 toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath ; the soul which hath touched any such shall 6 be unclean until even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he wash his flesh with water. And when the sun is down, he 7 shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things ; because it is his food. That which dieth of itself, or is torn *with* 8 *beasts*, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith : I *am* the LORD. They shall therefore keep mine ordinance, lest they 9 bear sin for it, and die therefore, if they profane it : I the LORD do sanctify them.

There shall no stranger eat *of* the holy thing : a sojourner of 10 the priest, or an hired servant, shall not eat *of* the holy thing. But if the priest buy *any* soul with his money, he shall eat of it, 11 and he that is born in his house : they shall eat of his meat. If 12 the priest's daughter also be *married* unto a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things. But if the priest's 13 daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's meat : but there shall no stranger eat thereof.

And if a man eat *of* the holy thing unwittingly, then he 14 shall put the fifth *part* thereof unto it, and shall give *it* unto the priest with the holy thing. And they shall not profane the holy 15 things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD ; or suffer them to bear the iniquity of trespass, when they eat 16 their holy things : for I the LORD do sanctify them.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto Aaron, 17
 and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto
 them, Whatsoever *he be* of the house of Israel, or of the stran-
 gers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for all his vows, and for
 all his freewill-offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD
 for a burnt-offering; *ye shall offer* at your own will a male with- 19
 out blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats. *But* 20
 whatsoever hath a blemish, *that* shall ye not offer: for it shall
 not be acceptable for you. And whosoever offereth a sacrifice 21
 of peace-offerings unto the LORD to accomplish *his* vow, or a
 freewill-offering in beeves or sheep, it shall be perfect to be ac-
 cepted; there shall be no blemish therein. Blind, or broken, 22
 or maimed, or having a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not
 offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them
 upon the altar unto the LORD. Either a bullock or a lamb that 23
 hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest
 thou offer *for* a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be
 accepted. Ye shall not offer unto the LORD that which is 24
 bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut; neither shall ye make
any offering thereof in your land. Neither from a stranger's 25
 hand shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; be-
 cause their corruption *is* in them, *and* blemishes *be* in them:
 they shall not be accepted for you.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'When a bullock, 26
 or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days
 under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall
 be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And 28
whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both
 in one day. And when ye will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving 29
 unto the LORD, offer *it* at your own will. On the same day it 30
 shall be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until the morrow:
I am the LORD.

Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: *I* 31
am the LORD. Neither shall ye profane my holy name; but *I* 32
 will be hallowed among the children of Israel: *I am* the LORD
 which hallow you, that brought you out of the land of Egypt, 33
 to be your God: *I am* the LORD.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 23
 children of Israel, and say unto them, *Concerning* the feasts of
 the LORD, which ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations,
even these are my feasts. Six days shall work be done: but the 2
 seventh day *is* the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall
 do no work *therein*: *it is* the sabbath of the LORD in all your
 dwellings.

These *are* the feasts of the LORD, *even* holy convocations, 4
 which ye shall proclaim in their seasons. In the fourteenth *day* 5
 of the first month at even *is* the LORD'S passover. And on the 6
 fifteenth day of the same month *is* the feast of unleavened bread
 unto the LORD: seven days ye must eat unleavened bread.
 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do 7
 no servile work therein. But ye shall offer an offering made by 8

fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work *therein*.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest: and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an he-lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt-offering unto the LORD. And the meat-offering thereof *shall be* two tenth-deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savor: and the drink-offering thereof *shall be* of wine, the fourth part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat-offering unto the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth-deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be baked with leaven; *they are* the first-fruits unto the LORD. And ye shall offer with the bread seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt-offering unto the LORD, with their meat-offering, and their drink-offering, even an offering made by fire, of sweet savor unto the LORD. Then ye shall sacrifice one kid of the goats for a sin-offering, and two lambs of the first year for a sacrifice of peace-offerings. And the priest shall wave them with the bread of the first-fruits for a wave-offering before the LORD, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to the LORD for the priest. And ye shall proclaim on the selfsame day, *that* it may be an holy convocation unto you: ye shall do no servile work *therein*: *it shall be* a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, in the first day of the month, shall ye have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye shall do no servile work *therein*: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Also on the tenth day of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it

shall be an holy convocation unto you ; and ye shall afflict your
souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And 28
ye shall do no work in that same day : for it is a day of atonement,
to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. For 29
whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day,
he shall be cut off from among his people. And whatsoever soul 30
it be that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I
destroy from among his people. Ye shall do no manner of work : 31
it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all
your dwellings. *It shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye 32
shall afflict your souls : in the ninth *day* of the month at even,
from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Speak unto the 33
children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month
shall be the feast of tabernacles *for* seven days unto the LORD.
On the first day *shall be* an holy convocation : ye shall do no 35
servile work *therein*. Seven days ye shall offer an offering made 36
by fire unto the LORD : on the eighth day shall be an holy con-
vocation unto you ; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire
unto the LORD : it is a solemn assembly ; and ye shall do no
servile work *therein*. These *are* the feasts of the LORD, which 37
ye shall proclaim *to be* holy convocations, to offer an offering
made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, and a meat-offer-
ing, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon his day :
beside the sabbaths of the LORD, and beside your gifts, and be- 38
side all your vows, and beside all your freewill-offerings, which
ye give unto the LORD. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh 39
month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall
keep a feast unto the LORD seven days : on the first day *shall*
be a sabbath, and on the eighth day *shall be* a sabbath. And ye 40
shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches
of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the
brook ; and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven
days. And ye shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days 41
in the year. *It shall be* a statute for ever in your generations :
ye shall celebrate it in the seventh month. Ye shall dwell in 42
booths seven days ; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in
booths : that your generations may know that I made the children 43
of Israel to dwell in booths, when I brought them out of the land
of Egypt : I *am* the LORD your God. And Moses declared unto 44
the children of Israel the feasts of the LORD.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Command the chil-24
dren of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure oil olive beaten
for the light, to cause the lamps to burn continually. Without 3
the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation,
shall Aaron order it from the evening unto the morning before
the LORD continually : *it shall be* a statute for ever in your
generations. He shall order the lamps upon the pure candlestick 4
before the LORD continually.

And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof : 5
two tenth-deals shall be in one cake. And thou shalt set them 6

in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD. And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon *each* row, that it may be on the bread for a memorial, *even* an offering made by fire unto the LORD. Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD continually, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'; and they shall eat it in the holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a perpetual statute.

AND the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father *was* an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel: and this son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp; and the Israelitish woman's son blasphemed the name of the LORD, and cursed. And they brought him unto Moses: (and his mother's name *was* Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan :) and they put him in ward, that the mind of the LORD might be showed them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, *and* all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death. And he that killeth any man shall surely be put to death. And he that killeth a beast shall make it good; beast for beast. And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbor; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him; breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him *again*. And he that killeth a beast, he shall restore it: and he that killeth a man, he shall be put to death. Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country: for I *am* the LORD your God. And Moses spake to the children of Israel, that they should bring forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; but in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath for the LORD: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land. And the sabbath of the land shall be meat for you; for thee, and for thy servant, and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant, and for thy stranger that sojourneth with thee, 'and for

thy cattle, and for the beast that *are* in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be meat.

And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, 8
seven times seven years; and the space of the seven sabbaths 9
of years shall be unto thee forty-and-nine years. Then shalt thou 9
cause the trumpet of the jubilee to sound, on the tenth *day* of the 10
seventh month, in the day of atonement shall ye make the trumpet 10
sound throughout all your land. And ye shall hallow the 10
fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land unto 11
all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and 11
ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return 11
every man unto his family. A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be 11
unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of 12
itself in it, nor gather *the grapes* in it of thy vine undressed. 12
For it *is* the jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the 12
increase thereof out of the field. In the year of this jubilee ye 13
shall return every man unto his possession. And if thou sell 14
aught unto thy neighbor, or buyest *aught* of thy neighbor's hand, 14
ye shall not oppress one another: according to the number of 15
years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbor, and ac- 15
cording unto the number of years of the fruits he shall sell unto 16
thee: according to the multitude of years thou shalt increase the 16
price thereof, and according to the fewness of years thou shalt 16
diminish the price of it: for *according* to the number of the years 17
of the fruits doth he sell unto thee. Ye shall not therefore op- 17
press one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I *am* the 17
LORD your God.

Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep my judgments, 18
and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. And the 19
land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell 19
therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the 20
seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our in- 20
crease: then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth 21
year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. And ye shall 22
sow the eighth year, and eat *yet* of old fruit until the ninth year; 22
until her fruits come in, ye shall eat *of* the old *store*.

The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land *is* mine: for 23
ye *are* strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land 24
of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land. If 25
thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away *some* of his pos- 25
session, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he 26
redeem that which his brother sold. And if the man have none 26
to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it; then let him 27
count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto 27
the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his posses- 28
sion. But if he be not able to restore *it* to him, then that which 28
is sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until 28
the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he 28
shall return unto his possession.

And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he 29
may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold: *within* a full

year may he redeem it. And if it be not redeemed within the 30
space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city
shall be established for ever to him that bought it throughout
his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee. But the houses 31
of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be
counted as the fields of the country: they may be redeemed,
and they shall go out in the jubilee. Notwithstanding the cities 32
of the Levites, *and* the houses of the cities of their possession,
may the Levites redeem at any time. And if a man purchase 33
of the Levites, then the house that was sold, and the city of his
possession, shall go out in *the year of jubilee*: for the houses of
the cities of the Levites *are* their possession among the children
of Israel. But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be 34
sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with 35
thee; then thou shalt relieve him: *yea, though he be* a stranger;
or a sojourner; that he may live with thee. Take thou no usury 36
of him, or increase: but fear thy God; that thy brother may
live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, 37
nor lend him thy victuals for increase. *I am* the LORD your 38
God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give
you the land of Canaan, *and* to be your God.

And if thy brother *that dwelleth* by thee be waxen poor, and 39
be sold unto thee; thou shalt not compel him to serve as a bond-
servant: *but* as an hired servant, *and* as a sojourner, he shall be 40
with thee, *and* shall serve thee unto the year of jubilee: and 41
then shall he depart from thee, *both* he and his children with him,
and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of
his fathers shall he return. For they *are* my servants, which I 42
brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold
as bondmen. Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor; but shalt 43
fear thy God. Both thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which 44
thou shalt have, *shall be* of the heather. that are round about
you; of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover 45
of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of
them shall ye buy, and of their families that *are* with you, which
they begat in your land: and they shall be your possession. And 46
ye shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you,
to inherit *them for* a possession; they shall be your bondmen for
ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel, ye shall not
rule one over another with rigor.

And if a sojourner or stranger wax rich by thee, and thy 47
brother *that dwelleth* by him wax poor, and sell himself unto the
stranger or sojourner by thee, or to the stock of the stranger's
family: after that he is sold he may be redeemed again; one of 48
his brethren may redeem him: either his uncle or his uncle's
son may redeem him, or *any* that is nigh of kin unto him of his
family may redeem him; or if he be able, he may redeem him-
self. And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the 50
year that he was sold to him unto the year of jubilee: and the
price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years,

according to the time of an hired servant shall it be with him. If *there be* yet many years *behind*, according unto them he shall 51
 give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he
 was bought for. And if there remain but few years unto the 52
 year of jubilee, then he shall count with him. *and* according unto
 his years shall he give him again the price of his redemption.
And as a yearly hired servant shall he be with him: *and the* 53
other shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight. And if he 54
 be not redeemed in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year
 of jubilee, *both* he, and his children with him. For unto me the 55
 children of Israel *are* servants; they *are* my servants whom I
 brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I *am* the LORD your
 God.

YE shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear 26
 you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up *any* image of
 stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I *am* the LORD
 your God. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanc- 2
 tuary: I *am* the LORD. If ye walk in my statutes, and keep 3
 my commandments, and do them: then I will give you rain in 4
 due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees
 of the field shall yield their fruit. And your threshing shall 5
 reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the
 sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell
 in your land safely. And I will give peace in the land, and ye 6
 shall lie down, and none shall make *you* afraid: and I will rid
 evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through
 your land. And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall 7
 fall before you by the sword. And five of you shall chase an 8
 hundred, and an hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight:
 and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. For I 9
 will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply
 you, and establish my covenant with you. And ye shall eat old 10
 store, and bring forth the old because of the new. And I will 11
 set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you.
 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall 12
 be my people. I *am* the LORD your God, which brought you 13
 forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bond-
 men; and I have broken the bands of your yoke, and made you
 go upright.

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these 14
 commandments; and if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your 15
 soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my com-
 mandments, *but* that ye break my covenant: I also will do this 16
 unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and
 the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sor-
 row of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your ene-
 mies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye 17
 shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall
 reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you. And 18
 if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish
 you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride 19

of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your
earth as brass: and your strength shall be spent in vain; for 20
your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of
the land yield their fruits. And if ye walk contrary unto me, 21
and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more
plagues upon you according to your sins. I will also send wild 22
beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, and
destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your
high ways shall be desolate. And if ye will not be reformed by 23
me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; then will 24
I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven
times for your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that 25
shall avenge the quarrel of *my* covenant: and when ye are
gathered together within your cities, I will send the pestilence
among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.
And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women 26
shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you*
your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satis-
fied. And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk 27
contrary unto me; then I will walk contrary unto you also in 28
fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.
And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your 29
daughters shall ye eat. And I will destroy your high places, 30
and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the car-
casses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. And I will 31
make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desola-
tion, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. And I 32
will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which
dwell therein shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you 33
among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and
your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste. Then shall 34
the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye
be in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and en-
joy her sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; be- 35
cause it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.
And upon them that are left *alive* of you I will send a faintness 36
into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound
of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing
from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. And 37
they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when
none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before
your enemies. And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the 38
land of your enemies shall eat you up. And they that are left 39
of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands;
and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away
with them.

If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their 40
fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and
that also they have walked contrary unto me; and *that* I also 41
have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into
the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be

humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity : then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my cov- 42
enant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember ; and I will remember the land.

The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sab- 43
baths, while she lieth desolate without them : and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity ; because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. And yet for all that, when they be in the land of 4
their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them : for I *am* the LORD their God. But I will for their sakes 45
remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God : I *am* the LORD. These *are* the statutes and judg- 46
ments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 27
children of Israel, and say unto them. When a man shall make a singular vow, the persons *shall be* for the LORD by thy estimation. And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years 3
old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. And if it *be* 4
a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels. And if it 5
be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. And if it *be* from a month old even unto five years 6
old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation *shall be* three shekels of silver. And if it *be* from sixty years old and above ; if it *be* a male, then 7
thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall 8
present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him ; according to his ability that vowed shall the priest value him.

And if it *be* a beast, whereof men bring an offering unto the 9
LORD, all that *any man* giveth of such unto the LORD shall be holy. He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a 10
bad for a good : and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then it and the exchange thereof shall be holy. And if it *be* any un- 11
clean beast, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the beast before the priest : and the priest 12
shall value it, whether it be good or bad : as thou valuest it, *who art* the priest, so shall it be. But if he will at all redeem it, then 13
he shall add a fifth *part* thereof unto thy estimation.

And when a man shall sanctify his house *to be* holy unto the 14
LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad : as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. And if he 15
that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his. And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD *some part* of a 16
field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to

the seed thereof: an homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver. If he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand. But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain, even unto the year of the jubilee, and it shall be abated from thy estimation. And if he that sanctified the field will in any wise redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. But the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's.

And if a man sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which *is* not of the fields of his possession; then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation, *even* unto the year of the jubilee: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, *as* a holy thing unto the LORD. In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, *even* to him to whom the possession of the land *did belong*. And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

Only the firstling of the beasts, which should be the LORD'S firstling, no man shall sanctify it; whether *it be* ox, or sheep: it *is* the LORD'S. And if *it be* of an unclean beast, then he shall redeem *it* according to thine estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it thereto: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

Notwithstanding no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, *both* of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every devoted thing *is* most holy unto the LORD. None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed; *but* shall surely be put to death.

And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD'S: *it is* holy unto the LORD. And if a man will at all redeem *ought* of his tithes, he shall add thereto the fifth *part* thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, *even* of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and the change thereof shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed. These *are* the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES,

CALLED

NUMBERS.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, **1**
 in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the
 second month, in the second year after they were come out of
 the land of Egypt, saying, Take ye the sum of all the congrega- **2**
 tion of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of
 their fathers, with the number of *their* names, every male by their
 polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go **3**
 forth to war in Israel: thou and Aaron shall number them by
 their armies. And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; **4**
 every one head of the house of his fathers.

And these *are* the names of the men that shall stand with you: **5**
 of the tribe of Reuben; Elizur the son of Shedeur. Of Simeon; **6**
 Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. Of Judah; Nahshon the son **7**
 of Amminadab. Of Issachar; Nethaneel the son of Zuar. Of **8,9**
 Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon. Of the children of Joseph: **10**
 of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of Manasseh:
 Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. Of Benjamin; Abidan the son of **11**
 Gideon. 'Of Dan; Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 'Of Asher; **12**
 Pagiel the son of Ocran. Of Gad; Eliasaph the son of Deuel. **14**
 'Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan. 'These *were* the re- **15**
 named of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers,
 heads of thousands in Israel.

And Moses and Aaron took these men which are expressed **17**
 by *their* names: and they assembled all the congregation together **18**
 on the first *day* of the second month, and they declared their
 pedigrees after their families, by the house of their fathers, ac-
 cording to the number of the names, from twenty years old and
 upward, by their polls. As the LORD commanded Moses, so he **19**
 numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.

And the children of Reuben, Israel's eldest son, by their gene- **20**
 rations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, ac-
 cording to the number of the names, by their polls, every male
 from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth
 to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of **21**
 Reuben, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred.

Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their **22**
 families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered
 of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls,
 every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were
 able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* **23**
 of the tribe of Simeon, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three
 hundred.

Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, **24**

by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* of 25 the tribe of Gad, *were* forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.

Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their 26 families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 27 of the tribe of Judah, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.

Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their 28 families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 29 of the tribe of Issachar, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred.

Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their 30 families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 31 of the tribe of Zebulun, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.

Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, 32 by their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Ephraim, 33 *were* forty thousand and five hundred.

Of the children of Manasseh, by their generations, after their 34 families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 35 of the tribe of Manasseh, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred.

Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their 36 families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 37 of the tribe of Benjamin, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred.

Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their fami- 38 lies, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 39 of the tribe of Dan, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.

Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their 40 families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* 41

of the tribe of Asher, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred.

Of the children of Naphtali, throughout their generations, after their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, *even* of the tribe of Naphtali, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

These *are* those that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, *being* twelve men: each one was for the house of his fathers. So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; *even* all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. For the LORD had spoken unto Moses, saying, Only thou shalt not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel: but thou shalt appoint the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels thereof, and over all things that *belong* to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the vessels thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, throughout their hosts. But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, and unto Aaron, saying, Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house: far off about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they pitch.

And on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall they of the standard of the camp of Judah pitch throughout their armies: and Nahshon the son of Amminadab *shall be* captain of the children of Judah. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. And those that do pitch next unto him *shall be* the tribe of Issachar: and Nethaneel the son of Zuar *shall be* captain of the children of Issachar. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and four thousand and four hundred. Then the tribe of Zebulun: and Eliab the son of Helon *shall be* captain of the children of Zebulun. And his

host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered in the camp of Judah *were* an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall first set forth.

On the south side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their armies: and the captain of the children of Reuben *shall be* Elizur the son of Shedeur. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, *were* forty and six thousand and five hundred. And those which pitch by him *shall be* the tribe of Simeon: and the captain of the children of Simeon *shall be* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and nine thousand and three hundred. Then the tribe of Gad: and the captain of the sons of Gad *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Reuel. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty. All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall set forth in the second rank.

Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall set forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place by their standards.

On the west side *shall be* the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their armies: and the captain of the sons of Ephraim *shall be* Elishama the son of Ammihud. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty thousand and five hundred. And by him *shall be* the tribe of Manasseh: and the captain of the children of Manasseh *shall be* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and two thousand and two hundred. Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the captain of the sons of Benjamin *shall be* Abidan the son of Gideoni. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* thirty and five thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim *were* an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

The standard of the camp of Dan *shall be* on the north side by their armies: and the captain of the children of Dan *shall be* Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and two thousand and seven hundred. And those that encamp by him *shall be* the tribe of Asher: and the captain of the children of Asher *shall be* Pagiel the son of Ocran. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* forty and one thousand and five hundred. Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the captain of the children of Naphtali *shall be* Ahira the son of Enan. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, *were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred. All they that were numbered in the camp of

Dan *were* an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall go hindmost with their standards.

These *are* those which *were* numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers: all those that were numbered of the camps throughout their hosts *were* six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty. But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses: so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one after their families, according to the house of their fathers.

THESE also *are* the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spake with Moses in mount Sinai. And these *are* the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the first-born, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. These *are* the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. And Nadab and Abihu died before the LORD, when they offered strange fire before the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the sight of Aaron their father.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they *are* wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel. And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the first-born that openeth the matrix among the children of Israel: therefore the Levites shall be mine; 'because all the first-born *are* mine; for on the day that I smote all the first-born in the land of Egypt, I hallowed unto me all the first-born in Israel, both man and beast: mine shall they be: I *am* the LORD.

And the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, Number the children of Levi after the house of their fathers, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them. And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded. And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. And these *are* the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni, and Shimei. And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, and Izehar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli, and Mushi.

These *are* the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers.

Of Gershon *was* the family of the Libnites, and the family of 21 the Shimites: these *are* the families of the Gershonites. Those 22 that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *even* those that were numbered of them, *were* seven thousand and five hundred. The 23 families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward. And the chief of the house of the father of the Ger- 24 shonites *shall be* Eliasaph the son of Lael. And the charge of 25 the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation *shall be* the tabernacle, and the tent, the covering thereof, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the 26 hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

And of Kohath *was* the family of the Amramites, and the 27 family of the Izeharites, and the family of the Hebronites, and the family of the Uzzielites: these *are* the families of the Kohathites. In the number of all the males, from a month old and 28 upward, *were* eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch 29 on the side of the tabernacle southward. And the chief of the 30 house of the father of the families of the Kohathites *shall be* Elizaphan the son of Uzziel.

And their charge *shall be* the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary where- 31 with they minister, and the hanging, and all the service thereof. And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *shall be* chief over the 32 chief of the Levites, *and have* the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

Of Merari *was* the family of the Mahlites, and the family of 33 the Mushites: these *are* the families of Merari. And those that 34 were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, *were* six thousand and two hundred. And the chief of the house of the father of the families 35 of Merari *was* Zuriel the son of Abihail: *these* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward. And *under* the custody and 36 charge of the sons of Merari *shall be* the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the vessels thereof, and all that serveth thereto, 37 and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

But those that encamp before the tabernacle toward the east, 38 *even* before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, *shall be* Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger 39 that cometh nigh shall be put to death. All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, *were* twenty and two thousand.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Number all the first-born of 40
 the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward,
 and take the number of their names. And thou shalt take the 41
 Levites for me (*I am the LORD*) instead of all the first-born
 among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead
 of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel.
 And Moses numbered, as the LORD commanded him, all the 42
 first-born among the children of Israel. And all the first-born 43
 males by the number of names, from a month old and upward,
 of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thou-
 sand two hundred and threescore and thirteen. And the LORD 44
 spake unto Moses, saying, Take the Levites instead of all the 45
 first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Le-
 vites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: *I am*
the LORD. And for those that are to be redeemed of the two 46
 hundred and threescore and thirteen of the first-born of the chil-
 dren of Israel, which are more than the Levites; thou shalt even 47
 take five shekels a-piece by the poll; after the shekel of the
 sanctuary shalt thou take *them*: (the shekel is twenty gerahs :)
 and thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of 48
 them is to be redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons. And Moses 49
 took the redemption-money of them that were over and above
 them that were redeemed by the Levites: of the first-born of the 50
 children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred
 and threescore and five *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary;
 and Moses gave the money of them that were redeemed unto 51
 Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as
 the LORD commanded Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 4
 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, 2
 after their families, by the house of their fathers, 'from thirty 3
 years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter
 into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.

This *shall be* the service of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle 4
 of the congregation, *about* the most holy things: and when the 5
 camp setteth forward, Aaron shall come, and his sons, and they
 shall take down the covering vail, and cover the ark of testimony
 with it; and shall put thereon the covering of badgers' skins, 6
 and shall spread over *it* a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in
 the staves thereof. And upon the table of show-bread they 7
 shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the
 spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover withal: and the con-
 tinual bread shall be thereon: and they shall spread upon them 8
 a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers'
 skins, and shall put in the staves thereof. And they shall take 9
 a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his
 lamps, and his tongs, and his snuff-dishes, and all the oil vessels
 thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: and they shall put it 10
 and all the vessels thereof within a covering of badgers' skins,
 and shall put *it* upon a bar. And upon the golden altar they 11
 shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of

badgers' skins, and shall put to the staves thereof: and they shall 12
 take all the instruments of ministry, wherewith they minister in
 the sanctuary, and put *them* in a cloth of blue, and cover them
 with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar:
 and they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a 13
 purple cloth thereon: and they shall put upon it all the vessels 14
 thereof, wherewith they minister about it, *even* the censers, the
 flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the
 altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins,
 and put to the staves of it. And when Aaron and his sons have 15
 made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the
 sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of
 Kohath shall come to bear *it*: but they shall not touch *any* holy
 thing, lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of
 Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation. And to the office 16
 of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest *pertaineth* the oil for the
 light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meat-offering, and the
 anointing oil, *and* the oversight of all the tabernacle, and of all
 that therein *is*, in the sanctuary, and in the vessels thereof. And 17
 the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Cut ye not 18
 off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the
 Levites: but thus do unto them, that they may live and not die, 19
 when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his
 sons shall go in and appoint them every one to his service and
 to his burden: but they shall not go in to see when the holy 20
 things are covered, lest they die.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Take also the sum 21
 of the sons of Gershon, throughout the houses of their fathers, by
 their families; from thirty years old and upward until fifty years 23
 old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the
 service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation.
 This *is* the service of the families of the Gershonites, to serve, 24
 and for burdens: and they shall bear the curtains of the taber- 25
 nacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, his covering, and
 the covering of the badgers' skins that *is* above upon it, and the
 hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and 26
 the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the
 gate of the court, which *is* by the tabernacle and by the altar
 round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their
 service, and all that is made for them: so shall they serve. At 27
 the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of
 the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their
 service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their
 burdens. This *is* the service of the families of the sons of Ger- 28
 shon in the tabernacle of the congregation: and their charge
shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them after their 29
 families, by the house of their fathers; from thirty years old and 30
 upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every
 one that entereth into the service, to do the work of the taber-
 nacle of the congregation. And this *is* the charge of their bur- 31

den, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof, and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall reckon the instruments of the charge of their burden. This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

AND Moses and Aaron and the chief of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites after their families, and after the house of their fathers, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation: and those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. These were they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, even those that were numbered of them, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand and six hundred and thirty. These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron did number according to the commandment of the LORD. And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entereth into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, even those that were numbered of them after their families, were three thousand and two hundred. These be those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, after their families, and after the house of their fathers, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation, even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and fourscore. According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Command the 5
children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and
every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the
dead: both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp 3
shall ye put them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst
whereof I dwell. And the children of Israel did so, and put 4
them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so
did the children of Israel.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 5,6
children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any
sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that
person be guilty; then they shall confess their sin which they 7
have done: and he shall recompense his trespass with the prin-
cipal thereof, and add unto it the fifth *part* thereof, and give *it*
unto *him* against whom he hath trespassed. But if the man have 8
no kinsman to recompense the trespass unto, let the trespass be
recompensed unto the LORD, *even* to the priest; beside the ram
of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him.

And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Is- 9
rael, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his. And every 10
man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth
the priest, it shall be his.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 11
children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside,
and commit a trespass against him, and a man lie with her carnal- 13
ly, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and
she be defiled, and *there be* no witness against her, neither she be
taken *with the manner*; and the spirit of jealousy come upon him, 14
and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of
jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be
not defiled: then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and 15
he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth *part* of an ephah of
barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense
thereon; for it is an offering of jealousy, an offering of memorial,
bringing iniquity to remembrance. And the priest shall bring 16
her near, and set her before the LORD: and the priest shall take 17
holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is in the
floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put *it* into the
water: and the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and 18
uncover the woman's head, and put the offering of memorial in
her hands, which *is* the jealousy-offering: and the priest shall
have in his hand the bitter water that causeth the curse: and 19
the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say unto the woman,
If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside
to uncleanness *with another* instead of thy husband, be thou free
from this bitter water that causeth the curse: but if thou hast 20
gone aside *to another* instead of thy husband, and if thou be de-
filed, and some man have lain with thee beside thine husband:
then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing, 21
and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee
a curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth
make thy thigh to rot, and thy belly to swell; and this water 22

that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, to make *thy* belly to swell, and *thy* thigh to rot: and the woman shall say, Amen, amen. And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and 23 he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water: and he shall cause 24 the woman to drink the bitter water that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter. Then the priest shall take the jealousy-offering out of the 25 woman's hand, and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar: and the priest shall take an handful 26 of the offering, *even* the memorial thereof, and burn *it* upon the altar, and afterward shall cause the woman to drink the water. And when he hath made her to drink the water, then it shall 27 come to pass, *that*, if she be defiled, and have done trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her, *and become* bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall rot: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then 28 she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. *This is* the law of 29 jealousies, when a wife goeth aside *to another* instead of her husband, and is defiled; or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon 30 him, and he be jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this 31 woman shall bear her iniquity.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 6 children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall separate *themselves* to vow a vow of a Nazarite, to separate *themselves* unto the LORD: he shall separate *himself* from wine 3 and strong drink, and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes, or dried. All the days of his separation shall 4 he eat nothing that is made of the vine-tree, from the kernels even to the husk. All the days of the vow of his separation 5 there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth *himself* unto the LORD, he shall be holy, *and* shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow. All the days that he separateth *himself* unto the LORD 6 he shall come at no dead body. He shall not make himself un- 7 clean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because the consecration of his God *is* upon his head. All the days of his separation he *is* holy unto the 8 LORD. And if any man die very suddenly by him, and he hath 9 defiled the head of his consecration; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he shave it. And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtles, or 10 two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the priest shall offer the one for a sin- 11 offering and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, for that he sinned by the dead, and shall hallow his head that same day. And he shall consecrate unto the LORD 12 the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first

year for a trespass-offering: but the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled. And this is the law 13 of the Nazarite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one 14 he-lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for peace-offerings, 'and a 15 basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings. And the priest shall 16 bring *them* before the LORD, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: and he shall offer the ram *for* a sacrifice of 17 peace-offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat-offering, and his drink-offering. And the Nazarite shall shave the head of his separa- 18 tion *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put *it* in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace-offerings. And the 19 priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the *hair of* his separation is shaven: and the priest shall wave *them for* a 20 wave-offering before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave-breast and heave-shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine. This is the law of the Nazarite who hath 21 vowed, *and of* his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside *that* that his hand shall get: according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do after the law of his separation.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto Aaron 22 and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep 24 thee: the LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious 25 unto thee: the LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and 26 give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the chil- 27 dren of Israel; and I will bless them.

AND it came to pass on the day that Moses had fully set up 7 the tabernacle, and had anointed it, and sanctified it, and all the instruments thereof, both the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them, and sanctified them; that the princes of 2 Israel, heads of the house of their fathers, who *were* the princes of the tribes, and were over them that were numbered, offered: and they brought their offering before the LORD, six covered 3 wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they brought them before the tabernacle. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take *it* of them, 4,5 that they may be to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. And Moses took the wagons and 6 the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. Two wagons and four 7 oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service;

and four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, 8
 according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son
 of Aaron the priest. But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: 9
 because the service of the sanctuary belonging unto them *was*,
that they should bear upon their shoulders. And the princes of- 10
 fered for dedicating of the altar in the day that it was anointed,
 even the princes offered their offering before the altar. And the 11
 LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their offering, each
 prince on his day, for the dedicating of the altar.

And he that offered his offering the first day was Nahshon the 12
 son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah: and his offering *was* 13
 one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty
shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of
 the sanctuary; both of them *were* full of fine flour mingled with
 oil for a meat-offering: one spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of 14
 incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, 15
 for a burnt-offering: 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and 16
 for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats,
 five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Nahshon the
 son of Amminadab.

On the second day Nethaneel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, 18
 did offer: he offered *for* his offering one silver charger, the 19
 weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver
 bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both
 of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering:
 one spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one young bul- 20
 lock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one 22
 kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace- 23
 offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the
 first year: this *was* the offering of Nethaneel the son of Zuar.

On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children 24
 of Zebulun, *did offer*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the 25
 weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver
 bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both
 of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one 26
 golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, 27
 one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid 28
 of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, 29
 two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year:
 this *was* the offering of Eliab the son of Helon.

On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the 30
 children of Reuben, *did offer*: his offering *was* one silver charger 31
 of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl
 of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of
 them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one 32
 golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, 33
 one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid 34
 of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, 35
 two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year:
 this *was* the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of 36

the children of Simeon, *did offer*: his offering *was* one silver 37 charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 'one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one 38 young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and for a sacri- 40 fice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Shelamiel the son of Zurishaddai.

On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the chil- 42 dren of Gad, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger of 43 the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden 44 spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, 45 one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the 46 goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two 47 oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of 48 the children of Ephraim, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver 49 charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 'one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one 50 young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and for a sacri- 53 fice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

On the eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince 54 of the children of Manasseh: his offering *was* one silver charger 55 of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one 56 golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, 57 one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid 58 of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, 59 two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the 60 children of Benjamin, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, 61 the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 'one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one young 62 bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering; 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and for a sacrifice of 64 peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs

of the first year: this *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.

On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*: one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

This *was* the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold: each charger of silver *weighing* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels *weighed* two thousand and four hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary: the golden spoons *were* twelve, full of incense, *weighing* ten *shekels* a-piece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons *was* an hundred and twenty *shekels*. All the oxen for the burnt-offering *were* twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat-offering: and the kids of the goats for sin-offering twelve. And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings *were* twenty-and-four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that *was* upon the ark of

the children of Simeon, *did offer*: his offering *was* one silver 37 charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 'one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one 38 young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and for a sacrifice 40 of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: *this was* the offering of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger of 43 the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, a silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden 44 spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, 45 one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the 46 goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two 47 oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: *this was* the offering of Eliasaph the son of Deuel.

On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver 49 charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 'one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one 50 young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and for a sacrifice 53 of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: *this was* the offering of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

On the eighth day *offered* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince 54 of the children of Manasseh: his offering *was* one silver charger 55 of the weight of an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one 56 golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, 57 one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid 58 of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, 59 two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: *this was* the offering of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideon, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, 61 the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 'one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: 'one young 62 bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering; 'one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: 'and for a sacrifice of 64 peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs

of the first year: this *was* the offering of Abidan the son of Gideon.

On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Pagiel the son of Ocran.

On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali, *offered*: his offering *was* one silver charger, the weight whereof *was* an hundred and thirty *shekels*: one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense: one young bullock, one ram, one lamb of the first year, for a burnt-offering: one kid of the goats for a sin-offering: and for a sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five lambs of the first year: this *was* the offering of Ahira the son of Enan.

This *was* the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve chargers of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve spoons of gold: each charger of silver weighing an hundred and thirty *shekels*, each bowl seventy: all the silver vessels weighed two thousand and four hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary: the golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten *shekels* a-piece, after the shekel of the sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons *was* an hundred and twenty *shekels*. All the oxen for the burnt-offering were twelve bullocks, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meat-offering: and the kids of the goats for sin-offering twelve. And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace-offerings were twenty-and-four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This *was* the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy-seat that *was* upon the ark of

testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto Aaron, 3
and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, the seven 3
lamps shall give light over-against the candlestick. And Aaron did 4
so: he lighted the lamps thereof over-against the candlestick, as 4
the LORD commanded Moses. And this work of the candlestick 4
was of beaten gold, unto the shaft thereof, unto the flowers
thereof, was beaten work: according unto the pattern which the
LORD had showed Moses, so he made the candlestick.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Take the Levites 5
from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. And thus 7
shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: sprinkle water of 7
purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let 8
them wash their clothes, and so make themselves clean. Then 8
let them take a young bullock with his meat-offering, *even fine*
flour mingled with oil, and another young bullock shalt thou take
for a sin-offering. And thou shalt bring the Levites before the 9
tabernacle of the congregation: and thou shalt gather the whole 9
assembly of the children of Israel together: and thou shalt bring 10
the Levites before the LORD: and the children of Israel shall 10
put their hands upon the Levites: and Aaron shall offer the 11
Levites before the LORD *for an offering of the children of Israel,*
that they may execute the service of the LORD. And the 12
Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: 12
and thou shalt offer the one *for a sin-offering, and the other for*
a burnt-offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the
Levites. And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and be- 13
fore his sons, and offer them *for an offering unto the LORD.* 13
Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children 14
of Israel: and the Levites shall be mine. And after that shall 15
the Levites go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the con- 15
gregation: and thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them *for an*
offering. For they *are* wholly given unto me from among the 16
children of Israel; instead of such as open every womb, *even*
instead of the first-born of all the children of Israel, have I taken
them unto me. For all the first-born of the children of Israel *are* 17
mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote every first-
born in the land of Egypt, I sanctified them for myself. And I 18
have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of 18
Israel. And I have given the Levites *as a gift to Aaron and to*
his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of
the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and
to make an atonement for the children of Israel: that there be
no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of
Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary. And Moses, and Aaron, 20
and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Le- 20
vites according unto all that the LORD commanded Moses con-
cerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them. And 21
the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes; and
Aaron offered them *as an offering before the LORD: and Aaron*

made an atonement for them to cleanse them. And after that 22
 went the Levites in to do their service in the tabernacle of the
 congregation before Aaron, and before his sons: as the LORD
 had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto
 them.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'This is it that be- 23
longeth unto the Levites: from twenty-and-five years old and
 upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle
 of the congregation: and from the age of fifty years they shall 25
 cease waiting upon the service *thereof*, and shall serve no more;
 but shall minister with their brethren in the tabernacle of the 26
 congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus
 shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charge.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, 9
 in the first month of the second year after they were come out
 of the land of Egypt, saying. Let the children of Israel also keep 2
 the passover at his appointed season. In the fourteenth day of 3
 this month, at even, ye shall keep it in his appointed season: ac-
 cording to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies
 thereof, shall ye keep it. And Moses spake unto the children 4
 of Israel, that they should keep the passover. And they kept 5
 the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at even, in
 the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the LORD com-
 manded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

And there were certain men, who were defiled by the dead 6
 body of a man, that they could not keep the passover on that
 day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day:
 and those men said unto him, *We are defiled by the dead body* 7
 of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer
 an offering of the LORD in his appointed season among the chil-
 dren of Israel? And Moses said unto them, Stand still, and I 8
 will hear what the LORD will command concerning you. And 9
 the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children 10
 of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be
 unclean by reason of a dead body, or *be* in a journey afar off,
 yet he shall keep the passover unto the LORD. The fourteenth 11
 day of the second month at even they shall keep it, *and* eat it
 with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. They shall leave none 12
 of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it: according to
 all the ordinances of the passover they shall keep it. But the 13
 man that *is* clean, and is not in a journey, and forbear^{eth} to keep
 the passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his
 people: because he brought not the offering of the LORD in his
 appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. And if a stranger 14
 shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the
 LORD; according to the ordinance of the passover, and ac-
 cording to the manner thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one
 ordinance, both for the stranger, and for him that was born in
 the land.

And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud 15
 covered the tabernacle, *namely*, the tent of the testimony: and

at even there was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until the morning. So it was alway: the cloud covered it *by day*, and the appearance of fire by night. And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. At the commandment of the LORD the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. And when the cloud tarried long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD, and journeyed not. And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; according to the commandment of the LORD they abode in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed. And so it was, when the cloud abode from even unto the morning, and *that* the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed: whether *it was* by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. Or *whether it were* two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, remaining thereon, the children of Israel abode in their tents, and journeyed not: but when it was taken up, they journeyed. At the commandment of the LORD they rested in their tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed: they kept the charge of the LORD, at the commandment of the LORD, by the hand of Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them; that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps. And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And if they blow *but* with one trumpet, then the princes, *which are* heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. When ye blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. When ye blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. But when the congregation is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever throughout your generations. And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; that they may be to you for a memorial before your God: I *am* the LORD your God.

AND it came to pass on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, that the cloud was taken up from off

the tabernacle of the testimony. And the children of Israel took 12
their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud
rested in the wilderness of Paran. And they first took their 13
journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the
hand of Moses.

In the first *place* went the standard of the camp of the children 14
of Judah according to their armies: and over his host *was* Nah-
shon the son of Amminadab. And over the host of the tribe of 15
the children of Issachar *was* Nethaneel the son of Zuar. And 16
over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun *was* Eliab
the son of Helon. And the tabernacle was taken down; and the 17
sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari set forward, bearing the
tabernacle. And the standard of the camp of Reuben set for- 18
ward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elizur the
son of Shedeur. And over the host of the tribe of the children 19
of Simeon *was* Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. And over 20
the host of the tribe of the children of Gad *was* Eliasaph the son
of Deuel. And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanc- 21
tuary: and *the other* did set up the tabernacle against they came.
And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set 22
forward according to their armies: and over his host *was* Elisha-
ma the son of Ammihud. And over the host of the tribe of the 23
children of Manasseh *was* Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And 24
over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin *was* Abi-
dan the son of Gideoni. And the standard of the camp of the 25
children of Dan set forward, *which was* the rereward of all the
camps throughout their hosts: and over his host *was* Ahiezer the 26
son of Ammishaddai. And over the host of the tribe of the chil-
dren of Asher *was* Pagiel the son of Ocran. And over the host 27
of the tribe of the children of Naphtali *was* Ahira the son of
Luan. Thus *were* the journeyings of the children of Israel ac- 28
cording to their armies, when they set forward.

And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Raguel the Midianite, 29
Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which
the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we
will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning
Israel. And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to 30
mine own land, and to my kindred. And he said, Leave us not, 31
I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp
in the wilderness, and thou mayest be to us instead of eyes.
And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what 32
goodness the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto
thee.

And they departed from the mount of the LORD three days' 33
journey: and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before
them in the three days' journey, to search out a resting-place for
them. And the cloud of the LORD *was* upon them by day, when 34
they went out of the camp. And it came to pass, when the ark 35
set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let thine ene-
mies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee.

And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many 36
thousands of Israel.

AND *when* the people complained, it displeased the LORD: 11
and the LORD heard *it*; and his anger was kindled: and the
fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed *them that*
were in the uttermost parts of the camp. And the people cried 2
unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire
was quenched. And he called the name of the place Taberah: 3
because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

AND the mixt multitude that *was* among them fell a lusting: 4
and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall
give us flesh to eat? We remember the fish, which we did eat 5
in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks,
and the onions, and the garlic: but now our soul *is* dried away: 6
there is nothing at all, beside this manna, *before* our eyes. And 7
the manna *was* as coriander seed, and the color thereof as the
color of bdellium. And the people went about, and gathered *it*, 8
and ground *it* in mills, or beat *it* in a mortar, and baked *it* in pans,
and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of
fresh oil. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, 9
the manna fell upon it.

Then Moses heard the people weep throughout their families, 10
every man in the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD
was kindled greatly; Moses also was displeased. And Moses 11
said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou afflicted thy servant?
and wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou lay-
est the burden of all this people upon me? Have I conceived all 12
this people? have I begotten them, that thou shouldest say unto
me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing father beareth the
sucking child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their
fathers? Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? 13
for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat.
I am not able to bear all this people alone, because *it is* too heavy 14
for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out 15
of hand, if I have found favor in thy sight: and let me not see
my wretchedness.

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men 16
of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of
the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the
tabernacle of the congregation, that they may stand there with
thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I 17
will take of the spirit which *is* upon thee, and will put *it* upon
them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee,
that thou bear *it* not thyself alone. And say thou unto the people, 18
Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for
ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give
us flesh to eat? for *it was* well with us in Egypt: therefore the
LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. Ye shall not eat 19
one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty
days; *but* even a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, 20
and it be loathsome unto you: because that ye have despised the

LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt?

And Moses said, The people, among whom I *am*, are six hundred thousand footmen: and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. Shall the flocks and the herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them? And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD'S hand waxed short? thou shalt see now whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

AND Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. But there remained two of the men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, *one* of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, *and* that the LORD would put his spirit upon them! And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

AND there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let *them* fall by the camp, as it were a day's journey on this side, and as it were a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and as it were two cubits *high* upon the face of the earth. And the people stood up all that day, and all *that* night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread *them* all abroad for themselves round about the camp. And while the flesh *was* yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah; because there they buried the people that lusted.

AND the people journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah unto Hazeroth; and abode at Hazeroth.

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the LORD heard *it*. (Now the man Moses *was* very meek, above all the men which *were* upon the face of the earth.) And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And

they three came out. And the LORD came down in the pillar 5
of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called
Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, 6
Hear now my words: If there be a prophet among you, *I* the
LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, *and* will 7
speak unto him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so, who is 8
faithful in all mine house. With him will I speak mouth to 9
mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the simili-
tude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not
afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the 10
LORD was kindled against them: and he departed. And the 11
cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and behold, Miriam be-
came leprous, *white* as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam,
and behold, *she was* leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses. Alas, 12
my lord, I beseech thee, lay not the sin upon us, wherein we
have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Let her not 13
be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he
cometh out of his mother's womb. And Moses cried unto the 14
LORD, saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. And the 15
LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should
she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut out from the
camp seven days, and after that let her be received in *again*.
And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days: and the 16
people journeyed not till Miriam was brought in *again*.

AND afterward the people removed from Hazeroth, and 16
pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Send thou men, 17
that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the
children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a
man, every one a ruler among them. And Moses by the com- 3
mandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Paran:
all those men *were* heads of the children of Israel. And these 4
were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of
Zaccur. Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. Of the 5,6
tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. Of the tribe of 7
Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. Of the tribe of Ephraim, Oshea 8
the son of Nun. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 9
'Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 'Of the tribe of 10
Joseph, *namely*, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Susi.
'Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 'Of the tribe of 12
Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi 14
the son of Vophsi. Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. 15
These *are* the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the 16
land. And Moses called Oshea, the son of Nun, Jehoshua. 'And 17
Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto
them, Get you up this *way* southward, and go up into the moun-
tain: and see the land, what it *is*; and the people that dwelleth 18
therein, whether they *be* strong or weak, few or many; and 19
what the land *is* that they dwell in, whether it *be* good or bad;
and what cities they *be* that they dwell in, whether in tents, or
in strong holds; and what the land *is*, whether it *be* fat or lean, 20

whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time *was* the time of the first ripe grapes. So they went up, and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, as men come to Hamath. And they ascended by the south, and came unto Hebron; where Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, *were*. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) And they came unto the brook of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it between two upon a staff; and *they brought* of the pomegranates, and of the figs. The place was called the brook Eshcol because of the cluster of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from thence. And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.

And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this *is* the fruit of it. Nevertheless the people *be* strong that dwell in the land, and the cities *are* walled, and very great: and moreover we saw the children of Anak there. The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south: and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan. And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it: for we are well able to overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they *are* stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, *is* a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it *are* men of a great stature. And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, *which come* of the giants: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or, would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore hath the LORD brought us unto this land, to fall by the sword, that our wives and our children should be a prey? were it not better for us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *which were* of them that searched the land, rent their clothes: and they spake unto all the company of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through

to search it, is an exceeding good land. If the LORD delight in 8
us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land
which floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not ye against 9
the LORD, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are
bread for us: their defence is departed from them, and the
LORD is with us: fear them not. But all the congregation bade 10
stone them with stones.

AND the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the
congregation before all the children of Israel. And the LORD 11
said unto Moses, How long will this people provoke me? and
how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which
I have showed among them? I will smite them with the pesti- 12
lence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater na-
tion and mightier than they. And Moses said unto the LORD, 13
Then the Egyptians shall hear *it*, (for thou broughtest up this
people in thy might from among them;) and they will tell *it* to 14
the inhabitants of this land: *for* they have heard that thou LORD
art among this people, that thou LORD art seen face to face, and
that thy cloud standeth over them, and *that* thou goest before
them, by day-time in a pillar of a cloud, and in a pillar of fire
by night. Now *if* thou shalt kill *all* this people as one man, then 15
the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, say-
ing, Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into 16
the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them
in the wilderness. And now, I beseech thee, let the power of 17
my LORD be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, The 18
LORD is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity
and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting
the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and
fourth *generation*. Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this 19
people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou
hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now. And the 20
LORD said, I have pardoned according to thy word: but *as* truly 21
as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.
Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my mira- 22
cles, which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, have tempted
me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice;
surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, 23
neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: but my ser- 24
vant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath
followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he
went; and his seed shall possess it. (Now the Amalekites and 25
the Canaanites dwelt in the valley.) To-morrow turn you, and
get you into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 26
How long *shall* I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur 27
against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of
Israel, which they murmur against me. Say unto them, *As truly* 28
as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so
will I do to you: your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and 29
all that were numbered of you, according to your whole num-

ber, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me, 'doubtless ye shall not come into the land, *concerning* 30 which I swear to make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. But your little ones, 31 which ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have despised. But *as for* you, 32 your carcasses, they shall fall in this wilderness. And your 33 children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness. After the number of the days in which ye searched the 34 land, *even* forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, *even* forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise. I the LORD have said, I will surely do it unto all this evil con- 35 gregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die. And the 36 men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land, even those men that did bring up 37 the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Je- 38 phunneh, *which were* of the men that went to search the land, lived *still*. And Moses told these sayings unto all the children 39 of Israel: and the people mourned greatly.

And they rose up early in the morning, and gat them up into 40 the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *be here*, and will go up unto the place which the LORD hath promised: for we have sinned. And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the 41 commandment of the LORD? but it shall not prosper. Go not 42 up, for the LORD is not among you; that ye be not smitten before your enemies. For the Amalekites and the Canaanites *are* 43 there before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. But they presumed to go up unto the hill-top: never- 44 theless the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. Then the Amalekites came down, 45 and the Canaanites which dwelt in that hill, and smote them, and discomfited them, *even* unto Hormah.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 15 children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, 'and will 3 make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill-offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savor unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock: then shall he that offereth his offering unto the 4 LORD bring a meat-offering of a tenth-deal of flour mingled with the fourth *part* of an hin of oil. And the fourth *part* of an 5 hin of wine for a drink-offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, for one lamb. Or for a ram, thou shalt 6 prepare *for* a meat-offering two tenth-deals of flour mingled with the third *part* of an hin of oil. And for a drink-offering thou 7 shalt offer the third *part* of an hin of wine, *for* a sweet savor unto

the LORD. And when thou preparest a bullock *for* a burnt-offering, or *for* a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace-offerings unto the LORD: then shall he bring with a bullock a meat-offering of three tenth-deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil. And thou shalt bring for a drink-offering half an hin of wine, *for* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD. Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid. According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number. All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD. And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever *be* among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD; as ye do, so he shall do. One ordinance *shall be both* for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth *with you*, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye *are*, so shall the stranger be before the LORD. One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you, 'then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave-offering unto the LORD. Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough *for* an heave-offering, as ye *do* the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it. Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave-offering in your generations.

And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses, 'even all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses*, and henceforward among your generations; then it shall be, if *ought* be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savor unto the LORD, with his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it *is* ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin-offering before the LORD, for their ignorance: and it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people *were* in ignorance.

And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she-goat of the first year for a sin-offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, *both for him that is*

born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* 30
born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD;
and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because 31
he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his
commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity
shall be upon him.

AND while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they 32
found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day. And 33
they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses
and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him 34
in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to
him. And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely 35
put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones
without the camp. And all the congregation brought him with- 36
out the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the
LORD commanded Moses.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 37
children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in
the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and
that they put upon the fringe of the borders a riband of blue:
and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, 39
and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them;
and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes,
after which ye use to go a whoring: that ye may remember, and 40
do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. *I am the* 41
LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt,
to be your God: *I am the LORD your God.*

Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of 16
Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son
of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took *men*: and they rose up before 2
Moses with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and
fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of
renown: and they gathered themselves together against Moses 3
and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take too much upon*
you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them,
and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up your- 4
selves above the congregation of the LORD? And when Moses 5
heard *it*, he fell upon his face: and he spake unto Korah and
unto all his company, saying, Even to-morrow the LORD will
show who *are* his, and *who is* holy; and will cause *him* to come
near unto him: even *him* whom he hath chosen will he cause
to come near unto him. This do: Take you censers, Korah, and 6
all his company; and put fire therein, and put incense in them 7
before the LORD, to-morrow: and it shall be *that* the man whom
the LORD doth choose, he *shall be* holy: *ye take too much upon*
you, ye sons of Levi. And Moses said unto Korah. Hear, I pray 8
you, ye sons of Levi: *seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that 9
the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of
Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service of the taber-

nacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? And he hath brought thee near *to him*, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and seek ye the priesthood also? For which cause *both* thou and all thy company are gathered together against the LORD: and what *is* Aaron, that ye murmur against him? And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: which said, We will not come up: *is it* a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land that floweth with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, except thou make thyself altogether a prince over us? Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land that floweth with milk and honey, or given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up. And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-morrow: and take every man his censer, and put incense in them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each of *you* his censer.

And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? 'And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of their's, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them* of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; *then* the LORD hath not sent me. But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth and swallow them up with all that *appertain* unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them: and

the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down 33
alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that *were* 34
round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*. And there came out a fire from 35
the LORD, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto Eleazar 36
the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are hal-
lowed. The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let 38
them make them broad plates *for* a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are hallowed:
and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel. And Eleazar 39
the priest took the brazen censers, wherewith they that were burnt had offered; and they were made broad *plates for* a cover-
ing of the altar: *to be* a memorial unto the children of Israel, 40
that no stranger, which *is* not of the seed of Aaron, come near to offer incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as
his company: as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

BUT on the morrow all the congregation of the children of 41
Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the LORD. And it came to pass, when 42
the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation: and,
behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD ap-
peared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of 43
the congregation. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 44
Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume 45
them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. 'And 46
Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the con-
gregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath
gone out from the LORD; the plague is begun. And Aaron took 47
as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congrega-
tion; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people,
and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people.
And he stood between the dead and the living: and the plague 48
was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen 49
thousand and seven hundred, beside them that died about the
matter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door 50
of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 17
children of Israel, and take of every one of them a rod according
to the house of *their* fathers, of all their princes according to the
house of their fathers twelve rods: write thou every man's
name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon 3
the rod of Levi: for one rod *shall be* for the head of the house of

their fathers. And thou shalt lay them up in the tabernacle of 4
the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with
you. And it shall come to pass, *that* the man's rod, whom I shall 5
choose, shall blossom: and I will make to cease from me the
murmurings of the children of Israel, whereby they murmur
against you. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and 6
every one of their princes gave him a rod a-piece, for each
prince one, according to their fathers' houses, *even* twelve rods:
and the rod of Aaron *was* among their rods. And Moses laid up 7
the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. And it 8
came to pass, that on the morrow Moses went into the tabernacle
of witness; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi
was budded, and brought forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and
yielded almonds. And Moses brought out all the rods from be- 9
fore the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked,
and took every man his rod. And the LORD said unto Moses, 10
Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept for a
token against the rebels; and thou shalt quite take away their
murmurings from me, that they die not. And Moses did *so*: as 11
the LORD commanded him, so did he. And the children of 12
Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we
all perish. Whosoever cometh any thing near unto the taber- 13
nacle of the LORD shall die: shall we be consumed with dying?

And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy 13
father's house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanc-
tuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of
your priesthood. And thy brethren also of the tribe of Levi, the 2
tribe of thy father, bring thou with thee, that they may be joined
unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with
thee *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness. And they 3
shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the tabernacle: only
they shall not come nigh the vessels of the sanctuary and the
altar, that neither they, nor ye also, die. And they shall be joined 4
unto thee, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congre-
gation, for all the service of the tabernacle: and a stranger shall
not come nigh unto you. And ye shall keep the charge of the 5
sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be no wrath
any more upon the children of Israel. And I, behold, I have 6
taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Is-
rael: to you *they are given as a gift* for the LORD, to do the ser-
vice of the tabernacle of the congregation. Therefore thou and 7
thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing
of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have
given your priest's office *unto you as a service of gift*: and the
stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

And the LORD spake unto Aaron, Behold, I also have given 8
thee the charge of mine heave-offerings of all the hallowed things
of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason
of the anointing, and to thy sons, by an ordinance for ever. This 9
shall be thine of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire:
every oblation of their's, every meat-offering of their's, and every

sin-offering of their's, and every trespass-offering of their's, which they shall render unto me, *shall be* most holy for thee, and for thy sons. In the most holy *place* shalt thou eat it; every male shall 10 eat it: it shall be holy unto thee. And this *is* thine; the heave- 11 offering of their gift, with all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat of it. All the best of the oil, and all 12 the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them which they shall offer unto the LORD, them have I given thee. And whatsoever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring 13 unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thine house shall eat of it. Every thing devoted in Israel shall be 14 thine. Every thing that openeth the matrix in all flesh, which 15 they bring unto the LORD, *whether it be* of men or beasts, shall be thine: nevertheless the first-born of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. And 16 those that are to be redeemed from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, which *is* twenty gerahs. But 17 the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem: they *are* holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor unto the LORD. And 18 the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right shoulder are thine. All the heave-offerings of the holy 19 things, which the children of Israel offer unto the LORD, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, by a statute for ever: *it is* a covenant of salt for ever before the LORD unto thee and to thy seed with thee. And the LORD spake 20 unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any part among them: *I am* thy part and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

And, behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth 21 in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, *even* the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. Neither 22 must the children of Israel henceforth come nigh the tabernacle of the congregation, lest they bear sin, and die. But the Levites 23 shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. But the tithes of the children of Israel, which 24 they offer *as* an heave-offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Thus speak unto 25 the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave-offering of it for the LORD, *even* a tenth *part* of the tithe. And *this* your heave-offer- 27 ing shall be reckoned unto you, as though *it were* the corn of the

threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press. Thus ye 28
also shall offer an heave-offering unto the LORD of all your tithes,
which ye receive of the children of Israel; and ye shall give
thereof the LORD'S heave-offering to Aaron the priest. Out of 29
all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of the LORD, of
all the best thereof, *even* the hallowed part thereof out of it.
Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye have heaved the 30
best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as
the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the
wine-press. And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your 31
households: for it *is* your reward for your service in the taber-
nacle of the congregation. And ye shall bear no sin by reason 32
of it, when ye have heaved from it the best of it: neither shall
ye pollute the holy things of the children of Israel, lest ye die.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 19
This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath com- 2
manded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they
bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein *is* no blemish, *and*
upon which never came yoke: and ye shall give her unto Elea- 3
zar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp,
and *one* shall slay her before his face: and Eleazar the priest 4
shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood
directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times:
and one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, 5
and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: and the priest 6
shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast *it* into
the midst of the burning of the heifer. Then the priest shall 7
wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and after-
ward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean
until the even. And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes 8
in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until
the even. And a man *that is* clean shall gather up the ashes of 9
the heifer, and lay *them* up without the camp in a clean place,
and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel
for a water of separation: it *is* a purification for sin. And he 10
that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and
be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of
Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a
statute for ever.

He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean 11
seven days. He shall purify himself with it on the third day, 12
and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not
himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.
Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and 13
purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and
that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of sepa-
ration was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his un-
cleanness *is* yet upon him. This *is* the law, when a man dieth 14
in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that *is* in the tent,
shall be unclean seven days. And every open vessel, which 15
hath no covering bound upon it, *is* unclean. And whosoever 16

toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: and a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave: and the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even. But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean. And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even. And whatsoever the unclean *person* toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

THEN came the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month: and the people abode in Kadesh; and Miriam died there, and was buried there.

And there was no water for the congregation: and they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. And the people chode with Moses, and spake, saying, Would God that we had died when our brethren died before the LORD! And why have ye brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, that we and our cattle should die there? And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto them. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts *also*.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron. Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which

I have given them. This is the water of Meribah; because the 13
children of Israel strove with the LORD, and he was sanctified
in them.

AND Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of 14
Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail
that hath befallen us: how our fathers went down into Egypt, 15
and we have dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians
vexed us, and our fathers: and when we cried unto the LORD, 16
he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and hath brought us forth
out of Egypt: and, behold, we *are* in Kadesh, a city in the ut-
termost of thy border: let us pass, I pray thee, through thy coun- 17
try: we will not pass through the fields, or through the vine-
yards, neither will we drink *of* the water of the wells: we will
go by the king's *high* way; we will not turn to the right hand nor
to the left, until we have passed thy borders. And Edom said 18
unto him, Thou shalt not pass by me, lest I come out against
thee with the sword. And the children of Israel said unto him, 19
We will go by the high way: and if I and my cattle drink of
thy water, then I will pay for it: I will only, without *doing* any
thing *else*, go through on my feet. And he said, Thou shalt not 20
go through. And Edom came out against him with much people,
and with a strong hand. Thus Edom refused to give Israel 21
passage through his border: wherefore Israel turned away from
him.

AND the children of Israel, *even* the whole congregation, 22
journeyed from Kadesh, and came unto mount Hor.

And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, 23
by the coast of the land of Edom, saying, Aaron shall be gath- 24
ered unto his people: for he shall not enter into the land which
I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled
against my word at the water of Meribah. Take Aaron and 25
Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor: and strip 26
Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and
Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall die there. And 27
Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into
mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses 28
stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his
son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses
and Eleazar came down from the mount. And when all the 29
congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron
thirty days, *even* all the house of Israel.

AND *when* king Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south, 21
heard tell that Israel came by the way of the spies; then he
fought against Israel, and took *some* of them prisoners. And 2
Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt in-
deed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy
their cities. And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, 3
and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed
them and their cities: and he called the name of the place Hor-
mah.

AND they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red 4

sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for *there is* no bread, neither *is there any* water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.

AND the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in Oboth. And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Ije-abarim, in the wilderness which *is* before Moab, toward the sun-rising.

FROM thence they removed, and pitched in the valley of Zared. From thence they removed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which *is* in the wilderness that cometh out of the coasts of the Amorites: for Arnon *is* the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. Wherefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, What he did in the Red sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, and at the stream of the brooks that goeth down to the dwelling of Ar, and lieth upon the border of Moab.

And from thence *they went* to Beer: that *is* the well whereof the LORD spake unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water. Then Israel sang this song,

Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it:

The princes digged the well,

The nobles of the people digged it,

By the direction of the Lawgiver, with their staves.

And from the wilderness *they went* to Mattanah: 'and from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth: 'and from Bamoth *in* the valley, that *is* in the country of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward Jeshimon.

AND Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn into the fields, or into the vineyards; we will not drink of the waters of the well: *but* we will go along by the king's *high* way, until we be past thy borders. And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness: and he came to Jahaz, and fought against Israel. And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon *was* strong. And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all the villages thereof. For Heshbon *was* the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the

former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Arnon. Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, 27

Come into Heshbon,
Let the city of Sihon be built and prepared :
28 For there is a fire gone out of Heshbon,
A flame from the city of Sihon :
It hath consumed Ar of Moab,
And the Lords of the high places of Arnon.
29 Woe to thee, Moab !
Thou art undone, O people of Chemosh :

He hath given his sons that escaped,
And his daughters, into captivity,
Unto Sihon king of the Amorites.
30 WE have shot at them ;
Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon,
And we have laid them waste even unto
Nophah,
Which reacheth unto Medeba.

' Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites. ' And Moses 31
sent to spy out Jaazer, and they took the villages thereof, and
drove out the Amorites that were there.

AND they turned and went up by the way of Bashan : and Og 33
the king of Bashan went out against them, he, and all his people,
to the battle at Edrei. And the LORD said unto Moses, Fear 34
him not : for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his
people, and his land ; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto
Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. So 35
they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was
none left him alive : and they possessed his land.

AND the children of Israel set forward, and pitched in the 22
plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho.

AND Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to 2
the Amorites. And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because 3
they were many : and Moab was distressed because of the chil-
dren of Israel. And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now 4
shall this company lick up all that are round about us, as the ox
licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor 5
was king of the Moabites at that time. He sent messengers
therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the
river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, say-
ing, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt : behold,
they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over-against
me : come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people ; for 6
they are too mighty for me : peradventure I shall prevail, that
we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land :
for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom
thou cursest is cursed. And the elders of Moab and the elders 7
of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand ;

AND they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words
of Balak. And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I 8
will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak unto me :
and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. And God came 9
unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee ? And 10
Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab,
hath sent unto me, saying, Behold, there is a people come out of 11
Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth : come now, curse
me them ; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and
drive them out. And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go 12
with them ; thou shalt not curse the people : for they are blessed.
And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes 13
of Balak, Get you into your land : for the LORD refuseth to give

me leave to go with you. And the princes of Moab rose up, 14
and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come
with us.

AND Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honorable 15
than they. And they came to Balaam, and said to him. Thus 16
saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder
thee from coming unto me: for I will promote thee unto very 17
great honor, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come
therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. And Balaam an- 18
swered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give
me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word
of the LORD my God, to do less or more. Now therefore, I 19
pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what
the LORD will say unto me more. And God came unto Balaam 20
at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up,
and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee,
that shalt thou do.

AND Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and 21
went with the princes of Moab. And God's anger was kindled 22
because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way
for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass,
and his two servants *were* with him. And the ass saw the angel 23
of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his
hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into
the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way.
But the angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a 24
wall *being* on this side, and a wall on that side. And when the 25
ass saw the angel of the LORD, she thrust herself unto the wall,
and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her
again. And the angel of the LORD went further, and stood in 26
a narrow place, where *was* no way to turn either to the right
hand or to the left. And when the ass saw the angel of the 27
LORD, she fell down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was
kindled, and he smote the ass with a staff. And the LORD 28
opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What
have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three
times? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked 29
me: I would there were a sword in mine hand; for now would
I kill thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, *Am* not I thine 30
ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since *I was* thine unto
this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, Nay.
Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the 31
angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn
in his hand: and he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his
face. And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore 32
hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold I went out
to withstand thee, because *thy* way is perverse before me. And 33
the ass saw me, and turned from me these three times: unless
she had turned from me, surely now also I had slain thee, and
saved her alive. And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, 34
I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way

against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go 35 with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak.

So BALAAM went with the princes of Balak. ' And when Balak 36 heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto a city of Moab, which is in the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost coast. And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly 37 send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor? And Balaam 38 said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to say any thing? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. And Balaam went with Balak, and 39 they came unto Kirjath-huzoth. And Balak offered oxen and 40 sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

AND it came to pass on the morrow, that Balak took Balaam, 41 and brought him up into the high places of Baal, that thence he might see the utmost part of the people. And Balaam said unto 23 Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven oxen and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; 2 and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and 3 I will go: peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to an high place. And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, 4 I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bullock and a ram. And the LORD put a word in Balaam's 5 mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt- 6 sacrifice, he, and all the princes of Moab. And he took up his 7 parable, and said,

Balak the king of Moab hath brought me
from Aram,
Out of the mountains of the east, saying,
Come, curse me Jacob,
And come, defy Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not
cursed?

Or how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath
not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him,
And from the hills I behold him:

Lo, the people shall dwell alone,
And shall not be reckoned among the na-
tions.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob,
And the number of the fourth part of Israel?
Let me die the death of the righteous,
And let my last end be like his!

And Balak said unto Balaam. What hast thou done unto me? I 11 took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether. And he answered and said, Must I not take 12 heed to speak that which the LORD hath put in my mouth?

And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto 13 another place, from whence thou mayest see them: thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. And he brought him into the field 14 of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar. And he said unto Balak, 15 Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet the LORD yonder. And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and 16 said, Go again unto Balak, and say thus. And when he came to 17

him, behold, he stood by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath the LORD spoken? And he took up his parable and said, 18

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| <p>Rise up, Balak, and bear;
Hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:
19 God is not a man, that he should lie;
Neither the son of man, that he should repent:
Ha h he said, and shall he not do it?
Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
20 Behold, I have received <i>commandment</i> to bless:
And he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.
21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob,
Neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel:
The LORD his God is with him,
And the shout of a King is among them.</p> | <p>22 God brought them out of Egypt;
He hath as it were the strength of an unicorn.
23 Surely <i>there</i> is no enchantment against Jacob.
Neither is <i>there</i> any divination against Israel:
According to this time it shall be said
Of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!
24 Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion,
And lift up himself as a young lion:
He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey,
And drink the blood of the slain.</p> |
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And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor 25
bless them at all. But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, 26
Told not I thee, saying, All that the LORD speaketh, that I
must do?

And Balak said unto Balaam, Come, I pray thee, I will bring 27
thee unto another place: peradventure it will please God that thou
mayest curse me them from thence. And Balak brought Balaam 28
unto the top of Peor, that looketh toward Jeshimon. And Balaam 29
said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me
here seven bullocks and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam 30
had said, and offered a bullock and a ram on *every* altar. And 24
when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he
went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set
his face toward the wilderness. And Balaam lifted up his eyes, 2
and he saw Israel abiding *in his tents* according to their tribes;
and the spirit of God came upon him. And he took up his 3
parable, and said,

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| <p>Balaam the son of Beor hath said,
And the man whose eyes are open hath said:
4 He hath said, which heard the words of God,
Which saw the vision of the Almighty,
Falling <i>into a trance</i>, but having his eyes open:
5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob,
And thy tabernacles, O Israel!
6 As the valleys are they spread forth,
As gardens by the river's side,
As the trees of lign aloes which the LORD
hath planted,
And as cedar trees beside the waters.</p> | <p>7 He shall pour the water out of his buckets,
And his seed <i>shall be</i> in many waters,
And his king shall be higher than Agag,
And his kingdom shall be exalted.
8 God brought him forth out of Egypt;
He hath as it were the strength of an unicorn:
He shall eat up the nations his enemies,
And shall break their bones, and pierce <i>them</i> through with his arrows.
9 He couched, he lay down as a lion,
And as a great lion: who shall stir him up?
Blessed is he that blesseth thee,
And cursed is he that curseth thee.</p> |
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And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote 10
his hands together: and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee
to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed
them these three times. Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I 11
thought to promote thee unto great honor; but, lo, the LORD
hath kept thee back from honor.

And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messen- 12
gers which thou sentest unto me, saying. If Balak would give 13
me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the
commandment of the LORD, to do *either* good or bad of mine

own mind; *but* what the LORD saith, that will I speak? And 14
 now, behold, I go unto my people: come *therefore*, and I will
 advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter
 days. And he took up his parable, and said, 15

Balaam the son of Beor hath said,
 And the man whose eyes are open hath
 said:

16 He hath said, which heard the words of God,
 And knew the knowledge of the Most High,
Which saw the vision of the Almighty,
 Falling into a trance, but having his eyes
 open:

17 I shall see him, but not now:
 I shall behold him, but not nigh:
 There shall come a Star out of Jacob,

And a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel,
 And shall smite the corners of Moab,
 And destroy all the children of Sheth.

18 And Edom shall be a possession,
 Seir also shall be a possession for his ene-
 mies;

And Israel shall do valiantly.

19 Out of Jacob shall come He that shall have
 dominion,
 And shall destroy him that remaineth of
 the city.

And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and 20
 said,

Amalek *was* the first of the nations;
 But his latter end *shall be* that he perish for ever.

And he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, and said, 21

Strong is thy dwelling-place,
 And thou puttest thy nest in a rock.
 Nevertheless the Kenite shall be wasted,
 Until Asshur shall carry thee away captive. 22

And he took up his parable, and said, 23

Alas, who shall live when God doeth this!
 And ships *shall come* from the coast of Chittim,
 And shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber,
 And he also shall perish for ever. 24

And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and 25
 Balak also went his way.

AND Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit 25
 whoredom with the daughters of Moab. And they called the 2
 people unto the sacrifices of their gods: and the people did eat,
 and bowed down to their gods. And Israel joined himself unto 3
 Baal-peor: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against
 Israel. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of 4
 the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun,
 that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from
 Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every 5
 one his men that were joined unto Baal-peor.

AND, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto 6
 his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in
 the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who *were*
 weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.
 And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the 7
 priest, saw *it*, he rose up from among the congregation, and took
 a javelin in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into 8
 the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and
 the woman through her belly. So the plague was stayed from
 the children of Israel. And those that died in the plague were 9
 twenty and four thousand. And the LORD spake unto Moses, 10
 saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, 11
 hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, while
 he was zealous for my sake among them, that I consumed not

the children of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, 12
 I give unto him my covenant of peace: and he shall have it, 13
 and his seed after him, *even* the covenant of an everlasting priest-
 hood; because he was zealous for his God, and made an atone-
 ment for the children of Israel. Now the name of the Israelite 14
 that was slain, *even* that was slain with the Midianitish woman,
was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a chief house among the
 Simeonites. And the name of the Midianitish woman that was 15
 slain *was* Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he *was* head over a people,
and of a chief house in Midian.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Vex the Midianites, 16
 and smite them: for they vex you with their wives, wherewith 18
 they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter
 of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, their sister, which
 was slain in the day of the plague for Peor's sake.

AND it came to pass after the plague, that the LORD spake 26
 unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying,
 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, 2
 from twenty years old and upward, throughout their father's
 house, all that are able to go to war in Israel. And Moses and 3
 Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by
 Jordan *near* Jericho, saying, *Take the sum of the people,* from 4
 twenty years old and upward; as the LORD commanded Moses
 and the children of Israel, which went forth out of the land of
 Egypt.

Reuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben; 5
 Hanoch, *of whom cometh* the family of the Hanochites: of Pallu,
 the family of the Palluites: of Hezron, the family of the Hez- 6
 ronites: of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. *These are the* 7
 families of the Reubenites: and they that were numbered of
 them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and
 thirty. And the sons of Pallu; Eliab. And the sons of Eliab; 8,9
 Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. *This is that* Dathan and
 Abiram, *which were* famous in the congregation, who strove
 against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when
 they strove against the LORD: and the earth opened her mouth, 10
 and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that compa-
 ny died, what time the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men:
 and they became a sign. Notwithstanding the children of Ko- 11
 rah died not.

The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family 12
 of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of
 Jachin, the family of the Jachinites: of Zerah, the family of the 13
 Zarhites: of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites. *These are the* 14
 families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two
 hundred.

The children of Gad after their families: of Zephon, the 15
 family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites:
 of Shuni, the family of the Shunites: 'of Ozni, the family of the 16
 Oznites: of Eri, the family of the Erites: 'of Arod, the family 17
 of the Arodites: of Areli, the family of the Arelites. *These are* 18

the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

The sons of Judah *were* Er and Onan : and Er and Onan died 19 in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Judah after their fami- 20 lies were ; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites : of Pharez, the family of the Pharezites : of Zerah, the family of the Zarhites. And the sons of Pharez were ; of Hezron, the family of the Hez- 21 ronites : of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites. These *are* 22 the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.

Of the sons of Issachar after their families : of Tola, the 23 family of the Tolaites : of Pua, the family of the Punites : 'of 24 Jashub, the family of the Jashubites : of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. These *are* the families of Issachar according 25 to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.

Of the sons of Zebulun after their families : of Sered, the 26 family of the Sardites : of Elon, the family of the Elonites : of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. These *are* the families of 27 the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.

The sons of Joseph after their families *were* Manasseh and 28 Ephraim. Of the sons of Manasseh : of Machir, the family of 29 the Machirites : and Machir begat Gilead : of Gilead *come* the family of the Gileadites. These *are* the sons of Gilead : of 30 Jeezer, the family of the Jeezerites : of Helek, the family of the Helekites : 'and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites : and of 31 Shechem, the family of the Shechemites : and of Shemida, the 32 family of the Shemidaïtes : and of Hephher, the family of the Hephherites. And Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, 33 but daughters : and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad *were* Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. These 34 *are* the families of Manasseh, and those that were numbered of them, fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.

These *are* the sons of Ephraim after their families : of Shuth- 35 elah, the family of the Shuthalbites : of Becher, the family of the Bachrites : of Tahan, the family of the Tahanites. And these 36 *are* the sons of Shuthelah : of Eran, the family of the Eranites. These *are* the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those 37 that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These *are* the sons of Joseph after their families.

The sons of Benjamin after their families : of Bela, the family 38 of the Belaites : of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites : of Ahi-ram, the family of the Ahiiramites : of Shupham, the family of 39 the Shuphamites : of Hupham, the family of the Huphamites. And the sons of Bela were Ard and Naaman : of Ard, the family 40 of the Ardites : and of Naaman, the family of the Naamites. These *are* the sons of Benjamin after their families : and they 41 that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and six hundred.

These *are* the sons of Dan after their families : of Shuham, the 42

family of the Shuhamites. These *are* the families of Dan after their families. All the families of the Shuhamites, according to 43 those that were numbered of them, *were* threescore and four thousand and four hundred.

Of the children of Asher after their families: of Jimna, the 44 family of the Jimnites: of Jesui, the family of the Jesuites: of Beriah, the family of the Beriites. Of the sons of Beriah: of 45 Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the family of the Malchielites. And the name of the daughter of Asher *was* 46 Sarah. These *are* the families of the sons of Asher according 47 to those that were numbered of them; *who were* fifty and three thousand and four hundred.

Of the sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the 48 family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the Gunites: 'of 49 Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. These *are* the families of Naphtali according to 50 their families: and they that were numbered of them *were* forty and five thousand and four hundred.

These *were* the numbered of the children of Israel, six hun- 51 dred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Unto these the 52 land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. To many thou shalt give the more inheritance, 54 and to few thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him. Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by 55 lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. According to the lot shall the possession thereof 56 be divided between many and few.

And these *are* they that were numbered of the Levites after 57 their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites. These *are* the families of the Levites: the family of 58 the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram. 'And the name of Amram's wife 59 *was* Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram, Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. And unto Aaron was born Nadab, and 60 Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. And Nadab and Abihu died, when 61 they offered strange fire before the LORD. And those that were 62 numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, all males from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

These *are* they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the 63 priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho. But among these there was not 64 a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die 65

to make an atonement for you. Ye shall offer these beside the 23
burnt-offering in the morning, which *is* for a continual burnt-
offering. After this manner ye shall offer daily, throughout the 24
seven days, the meat of the sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor
unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt-
offering, and his drink-offering. And on the seventh day ye shall 25
have an holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work.

Also in the day of the first-fruits, when ye bring a new meat- 26
offering unto the LORD, after your weeks *be out*, ye shall have
an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: but ye shall 27
offer the burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD; two
young bullocks, one ram, seven lambs of the first year; and their 28
meat-offering of flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals unto
one bullock, two tenth-deals unto one ram, 'a several tenth-deal 29
unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs: *and* one kid of the 30
goats, to make an atonement for you. Ye shall offer *them* beside 31
the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, (they shall be
unto you without blemish) and their drink-offerings.

And in the seventh month, on the first *day* of the month, ye 29
shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work:
it is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you. And ye shall offer 2
a burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD; one young
bullock, one ram, *and* seven lambs of the first year without
blemish: and their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with 3
oil, three tenth-deals for a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals for a ram,
'and one tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs: 4
and one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering, to make an atonement 5
for you: beside the burnt-offering of the month, and his meat- 6
offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and
their drink-offerings, according unto their manner, for a sweet
savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD.

And ye shall have on the tenth *day* of this seventh month an 7
holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall not
do any work *therein*: but ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto the 8
LORD *for* a sweet savor; one young bullock, one ram, *and*
seven lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without
blemish: and their meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with 9
oil, three tenth-deals to a bullock, *and* two tenth-deals to one
ram, 'a several tenth-deal for one lamb, throughout the seven 10
lambs: one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering; beside the sin- 11
offering of atonement, and the continual burnt-offering, and the
meat-offering of it, and their drink-offerings.

And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have 12
an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall
keep a feast unto the LORD seven days: and ye shall offer a 13
burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto
the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen
lambs of the first year; they shall be without blemish: and their 14
meat-offering *shall be of* flour mingled with oil, three tenth-deals
unto every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth-deals to
each ram of the two rams, and a several tenth-deal to each lamb 15

of the fourteen lambs : and one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering 16
 ing ; beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and
 his drink-offering. And on the second day *ye shall offer* twelve 17
 young bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year with-
 out spot : and their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for the 18
 bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to
 their number, after the manner : and one kid of the goats *for* 19
 a sin-offering ; beside the continual burnt-offering, and the meat-
 offering thereof, and their drink-offerings. And on the third day 20
 eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year with-
 out blemish ; and their meat-offering and their drink-offerings 21
 for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* accord-
 ing to their number, after the manner : and one goat *for* a sin- 22
 offering ; beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-offer-
 ing, and his drink-offering. And on the fourth day ten bullocks, 23
 two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish :
 their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for 24
 the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number,
 after the manner : and one kid of the goats *for* a sin-offering ; be- 25
 side the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offering, and his drink-
 offering. And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, *and* 26
 fourteen lambs of the first year without spot : and their meat- 27
 offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams,
 and for the lambs, *shall be* according to their number, after the
 manner : and one goat *for* a sin-offering ; beside the continual 28
 burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, and his drink-offering. And 29
 on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of
 the first year without blemish : and their meat-offering and their 30
 drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs,
shall be according to their number, after the manner : and one 31
 goat *for* a sin-offering ; beside the continual burnt-offering, his
 meat-offering, and his drink-offering. And on the seventh day 32
 seven bullocks, two rams, *and* fourteen lambs of the first year
 without blemish : and their meat-offering and their drink-offer- 33
 ings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, *shall be* ac-
 cording to their number, after the manner : and one goat *for* a 34
 sin-offering ; beside the continual burnt-offering, his meat-offer-
 ing, and his drink-offering. On the eighth day *ye shall have* a 35
 solemn assembly : *ye shall do no servile work therein :* but *ye* 36
 shall offer a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet
 savor unto the LORD : one bullock, one ram, seven lambs of the
 first year without blemish : their meat-offering and their drink- 37
 offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, *shall be*
 according to their number, after the manner : and one goat *for* a 38
 sin-offering ; beside the continual burnt-offering, and his meat-
 offering, and his drink-offering.

These *things* *ye shall do* unto the LORD into your set feasts, 39
 beside your vows, and your freewill-offerings, for your burnt-
 offerings, and for your meat-offerings, and for your drink-offer-
 ings, and for your peace-offerings. And Moses told the children 40
 of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

AND Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes concerning the 30
children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD
hath commanded. If a man vow a vow unto the LORD, or 2
swear an oath to bind his soul with a bond; he shall not break
his word, he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his
mouth.

If a woman also vow a vow unto the LORD, and bind herself 3
by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth; and her 4
father hear her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound
her soul, and her father shall hold his peace at her; then all her
vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound 5
her soul shall stand. But if her father disallow her in the day
that he heareth; not any of her vows, or of her bonds where-
with she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall
forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

And if she had at all an husband, when she vowed, or uttered 6
aught out of her lips, wherewith she bound her soul; and her 7
husband heard *it*, and held his peace at her in the day that he
heard *it*: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith
she bound her soul shall stand. But if her husband disallowed 8
her on the day that he heard *it*; then he shall make her vow
which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips,
wherewith she bound her soul, of none effect: and the LORD
shall forgive her.

But every vow of a widow, and of her that is divorced, where- 9
with they have bound their souls, shall stand against her. And 10
if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a
bond with an oath; and her husband heard *it*, and held his peace 11
at her, *and* disallowed her not: then all her vows shall stand,
and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. But 12
if her husband hath utterly made them void on the day he heard
them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her
vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her
husband hath made them void: and the LORD shall forgive her.
Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her hus- 13
band may establish it, or her husband may make it void. But if 14
her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day;
then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which *are*
upon her: he confirmeth them, because he held his peace at her
in the day that he heard *them*. But if he shall any ways make 15
them void after that he hath heard *them*; then he shall bear her
iniquity. These *are* the statutes, which the LORD commanded 16
Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his
daughter, *being yet* in her youth in her father's house.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Avenge the chil- 31
dren of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gath-
ered unto thy people. And Moses spake unto the people, say- 3
ing, Arm some of yourselves unto the war, and let them go
against the Midianites, and avenge the LORD of Midian. Of 4
every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall
ye send to the war. So there were delivered out of the thousands 5

of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments, and the trumpets to blow in his hand. And they warred against the Midianites, as the LORD commanded Moses; and they slew all the males. And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely*, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also, the son of Beor, they slew with the sword. And the children of Israel took *all* the women of Midian captives, and their little ones, and took the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. And they burnt all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their goodly castles, with fire. And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, *both* of men and of beasts. And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which *are* by Jordan *near* Jericho.

And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, *with* the captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, which came from the battle. And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the LORD in the matter of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD. Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves.

And do ye abide without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify *both* yourselves and your captives on the third day, and on the seventh day. And purify all *your* raiment, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood. And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This *is* the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses; only the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 'every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean: nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make go through the water. And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Take the sum of the prey that was taken, *both* of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the chief fathers of the congregation: and divide the prey into two parts; between them that took the war upon them, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation: and levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war

which went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep: take *it* of their half, and give *it* unto Eleazar the priest, for an heave-offering of the LORD. And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of beasts, and give them unto the Levites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD. And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses.

And the booty, *being* the rest of the prey which the men of war had caught, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and five thousand sheep, and threescore and twelve thousand beeves, 'and threescore and one thousand asses, 'and thirty and two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known man by lying with him.

And the half, *which was* the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred sheep: and the LORD'S tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen. And the beeves *were* thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD'S tribute *was* threescore and twelve. And the asses *were* thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD'S tribute *was* threescore and one. And the persons *were* sixteen thousand: of which the LORD'S tribute *was* thirty and two persons. And Moses gave the tribute, *which was* the LORD'S heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men that warred, (now the half *that pertained unto* the congregation was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand and five hundred sheep, and thirty and six thousand beeves, 'and thirty thousand asses and five hundred, 'and sixteen thousand persons;) even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion of fifty, *both* of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses.

And the officers which *were* over thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses: and they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war which *are* under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD. And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, *even* all wrought jewels. And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. (*For* the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.) And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of

the congregation, *for* a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

NOW the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had **32**
 a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land
 of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place *was* a
 place for cattle; the children of Gad and the children of Reuben **2**
 came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto
 the princes of the congregation, saying, Ataroth, and Dibon, and **3**
 Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Shebam,
 and Nebo, and Beon, *'even* the country which the LORD smote **4**
 before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and thy
 servants have cattle: wherefore, said they, if we have found **5**
 grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a
 possession, *and* bring us not over Jordan.

And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children **6**
 of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here?
 And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel **7**
 from going over into the land which the LORD hath given them?
 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to **8**
 see the land. For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol. **9**
 and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of
 Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD
 had given them. And the LORD'S anger was kindled the same **10**
 time, and he sware, saying, Surely none of the men that came **11**
 up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the
 land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob;
 because they have not wholly followed me: save Caleb the son **12**
 of Jephunnah the Kenezite, and Joshua the son of Nun; for they
 have wholly followed the LORD. And the LORD'S anger was **13**
 kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the wilder-
 ness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in
 the sight of the LORD, was consumed. And, behold, ye are **14**
 risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to aug-
 ment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. For if ye **15**
 turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the
 wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people.

And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheep- **16**
 folds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: but we **17**
 ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel, until
 we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall
 dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land.
 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel **18**
 have inherited every man his inheritance. For we will not **19**
 inherit with them on yonder side Jordan, or forward; because
 our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward.

And Moses said unto them. If ye will do this thing, if ye **20**
 will go armed before the LORD to war, and will go all of **21**
 you armed over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven
 out his enemies from before him, and the land be subdued **22**
 before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guilt-
 less before the LORD, and before Israel; and this land shall be

your possession before the LORD. But if ye will not do so, be- 23
hold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin
will find you out. Build you cities for your little ones, and folds 24
for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your
mouth.

And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake 25
unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth.
Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall 26
be there in the cities of Gilead: but thy servants will pass over. 27
every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord
saith. So concerning them Moses commanded Eleazar the priest, 28
and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of
the children of Israel: and Moses said unto them, If the children 29
of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over
Jordan, every man armed to battle, before the LORD, and the
land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the
land of Gilead for a possession: but if they will not pass over 30
with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the
land of Canaan. And the children of Gad and the children of 31
Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy
servants, so will we do. We will pass over armed before the 32
LORD into the land of Canaan, that the possession of our in-
heritance on this side Jordan *may be* our's. And Moses gave 33
unto them, *even* to the children of Gad, and to the children of
Reuben, and unto half the tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph,
the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of
Og king of Bashan, the land, with the cities thereof in the coasts,
even the cities of the country round about.

AND the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and 34
Aroer, 'and Atroth, Shophan, and Jaazer, and Jogbehah, 'and 35
Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran, fenced cities: and folds for sheep.

AND the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and 37
Kirjathaim, 'and Nebo, and Baal-meon, (their names being 38
changed,) and Shibmah: and gave other names unto the cities
which they builded.

AND the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to 39
Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorite which *was* in it.
And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and 40
he dwelt therein. And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took 41
the small towns thereof, and called them Havoth-jair. And 42
Nobah went and took Kenath, and the villages thereof, and
called it Nobah, after his own name.

THESE *are* the journeys of the children of Israel, which went 33
forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand
of Moses and Aaron. And Moses wrote their goings out ac- 2
cording to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD:
and these *are* their journeys according to their goings out.

And they departed from Rameses in the first month, on the 3
fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the pass-
over the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the
sight of all the Egyptians. For the Egyptians buried all *their* 4

first-born, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their
 gods also the LORD executed judgments. And the children of
 Israel removed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth. And
 they departed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in
 the edge of the wilderness. And they removed from Etham,
 and turned again unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon:
 and they pitched before Migdol. And they departed from be-
 fore Pi-hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into
 the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness
 of Etham, and pitched in Marah. And they removed from Ma-
 rah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve fountains of
 water, and threescore and ten palm trees; and they pitched there.
 And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Red sea.
 And they removed from the Red sea, and encamped in the wil-
 derness of Sin. And they took their journey out of the wilder-
 ness of Sin, and encamped in Dophkah. And they departed
 from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush. And they removed
 from Alush, and encamped at Rephidim, where was no water
 for the people to drink. And they departed from Rephidim, and
 pitched in the wilderness of Sinai. And they removed from the
 desert of Sinai, and pitched at Kibroth-hattaavah. And they
 departed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped at Hazeroth.
 'And they departed from Hazeroth, and pitched in Rithmah. 'And
 they departed from Rithmah, and pitched at Rimmon-parez.
 And they departed from Rimmon-parez, and pitched in Libnah.
 'And they removed from Libnah, and pitched at Rissah. 'And
 they journeyed from Rissah, and pitched in Kehelathah. And
 they went from Kehelathah, and pitched in mount Shapher. And
 they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in Haradah.
 And they removed from Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.
 And they removed from Makheloth, and encamped at Tahath.
 'And they departed from Tahath, and pitched at Tarah. 'And
 they removed from Tarah, and pitched in Mithcah. And they
 went from Mithcah, and pitched in Hashmonah. And they
 departed from Hashmonah, and encamped at Moseroth. And
 they departed from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-jaakan, 'and
 they removed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped at Hor-hagidgad.
 And they went from Hor-hagidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.
 And they removed from Jotbathah, and encamped at Ebronah.
 And they departed from Ebronah, and encamped at Ezion-gaber.
 And they removed from Ezion-gaber, and pitched in the wilder-
 ness of Zin, which is Kadesh. And they removed from Kadesh,
 and pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. And
 Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment
 of the LORD, and died there, in the fortieth year after the chil-
 dren of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the first
 day of the fifth month. And Aaron was an hundred and twenty
 and three years old when he died in mount Hor. And king
 Arad the Canaanite, which dwelt in the south in the land of
 Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. And
 they departed from mount Hor, and pitched in Zalmonah. And

they departed from Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon. And they 42
 departed from Punon, and pitched in Oboth. And they departed 44
 from Oboth, and pitched in Ije-abarim, in the border of Moab.
 ' And they departed from Iim, and pitched in Dibon-gad. ' And 45
 they removed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-dibla-
 thaim. And they removed from Almon-diblathaim, and pitched 47
 in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. And they departed 48
 from the mountains of Abarim, and pitched in the plains of Moab,
 by Jordan near Jericho. And they pitched by Jordan, from 49
 Beth-jesimoth even unto Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by 50
 Jordan near Jericho, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, 51
 and say unto them, When ye are passed over Jordan into the
 land of Canaan: then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of 52
 the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and
 destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their
 high places: and ye shall dispossess *the inhabitants of* the land, 53
 and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it.
 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among 54
 your families: *and* to the more ye shall give the more in-
 heritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance:
 every man's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot fall-
 eth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit.
 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from be- 55
 fore you: then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let re-
 main of them *shall be* pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your
 sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. More- 56
 over it shall come to pass, *that* I shall do unto you as I thought
 to do unto them.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, ' Command the 34
 children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the
 land of Canaan; (*this is the land that shall fall unto you for*
an inheritance, even the land of Canaan with the coasts thereof:)
 then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along 3
 by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the outmost
 coast of the salt sea eastward: and your border shall turn from 4
 the south to the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin: and
 the going forth thereof shall be from the south to Kadesh-barnea,
 and shall go on to Hazar-addar, and pass on to Azmon: and the 5
 border shall fetch a compass from Azmon unto the river of Egypt,
 and the goings out of it shall be at the sea.

And *as for* the western border, ye shall even have the great 6
 sea for a border: this shall be your west border.

And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye 7
 shall point out for you mount Hor: from mount Hor ye shall 8
 point out *your border* unto the entrance of Hamath: and the
 goings forth of the border shall be to Zedad: and the border shall 9
 go on to Ziphron, and the goings out of it shall be at Hazar-enan:
 this shall be your north border.

And ye shall point out your east border from Hazar-enan to 10
 Shepham: and the coast shall go down from Shepham to Rib- 11

lah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall descend, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward: and the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out of 12 it shall be at the salt sea: this shall be your land, with the coasts thereof round about.

And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying. This 13 is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half tribe: for 14 the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*; and half the tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance: the 15 two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near Jericho* eastward, toward the sun-rising.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'These *are* the 16 names of the men which shall divide the land unto you: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. And ye shall take 18 one prince of every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance. And 19 the names of the men *are* these: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. And of the tribe of the children of 20 Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. And the prince of the tribe of 22 the children of Dan, Bukki the son of Jogli. The prince of the 23 children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Manasseh, Hanniel the son of Ephod. And the prince of the tribe of the 24 children of Ephraim, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. And the 25 prince of the tribe of the children of Zebulun, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. And the prince of the tribe of the children of 26 Issachar, Paltiel the son of Azzan. And the prince of the tribe 27 of the children of Asher, Abihud the son of Shelomi. And the 28 prince of the tribe of the children of Naphtali, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. These *are they* whom the LORD commanded to 29 divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by 30 Jordan *near Jericho*, saying, Command the children of Israel, 2 that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ye shall give *also* unto the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. And the cities 3 shall they have to dwell in; and the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their beasts. And 4 the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. And ye shall measure from without the city 5 on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, and the city shall be in the midst; this shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. And among 6 the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites *there shall be* six cities for refuge, which ye shall appoint for the man-slayer, that he may flee thither: and to them ye shall add forty-and-two

cities. So all the cities which ye shall give to the Levites *shall* 7
be forty-and-eight cities: them *shall ye give* with their suburbs.
And the cities which ye shall give *shall be* of the possession of the 8
children of Israel: from *them that have* many ye shall give many;
but from *them that have* few ye shall give few: every one shall
give of his cities unto the Levites according to his inheritance
which he inheriteth.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 'Speak unto the 9
children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come over
Jordan into the land of Canaan; then ye shall appoint you cities 11
to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither,
which killeth any person at unawares. And they shall be unto 12
you cities for refuge from the avenger; that the man-slayer die
not, until he stand before the congregation in judgment. And of 13
these cities which ye shall give, six cities shall ye have for
refuge. Ye shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and three 14
cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan, *which* shall be cities
of refuge. These six cities shall be a refuge, *both* for the chil- 15
dren of Israel, and for the stranger, and for the sojourner among
them: that every one that killeth any person unawares may flee
thither.

And if he smite him with an instrument of iron, so that he die, 16
he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death.
And if he smite him with throwing a stone, wherewith he may 17
die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the murderer shall surely be
put to death. Or *if* he smite him with an hand weapon of wood, 18
wherewith he may die, and he die, he *is* a murderer: the mur-
derer shall surely be put to death. The revenger of blood him- 19
self shall slay the murderer: when he meeteth him, he shall slay
him. But if he thrust him of hatred, or hurl at him by laying of 20
wait, that he die; or in enmity smite him with his hand, that 21
he die: he that smote *him* shall surely be put to death; *for* he *is*
a murderer: the revenger of blood shall slay the murderer when
he meeteth him.

But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or have cast 22
upon him any thing without laying of wait, or with any stone, 23
wherewith a man may die, seeing *him* not, and cast *it* upon him,
that he die, and *was* not his enemy, neither sought his harm:
then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the 24
revenger of blood according to these judgments: and the con- 25
gregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger
of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his
refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the
death of the high-priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.
But if the slayer shall at any time come without the border of 26
the city of his refuge, whither he was fled; and the revenger 27
of blood find him without the borders of the city of his refuge,
and the revenger of blood kill the slayer; he shall not be guilty
of blood: because he should have remained in the city of his 28
refuge until the death of the high-priest: but after the death of

the high-priest the slayer shall return into the land of his possession. So these *things* shall be for a statute of judgment unto 29
you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

Whoso killeth any person, the murderer shall be put to death 30
by the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify
against any person *to cause him* to die. Moreover ye shall take 31
no satisfaction for the life of a murderer, which is guilty of death:
but he shall be surely put to death. And ye shall take no satis- 32
faction for him that is fled to the city of his refuge, that he should
come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest.
So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye *are*; for blood it 33
defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood
that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. Defile 34
not therefore the land which ye shall inhabit, wherein I dwell:
for I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

AND the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, 35
the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons
of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the
princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel: and they said, 2
The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance
by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by
the LORD to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother
unto his daughters. And if they be married to any of the sons 3
of the *other* tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their in-
heritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and shall
be put to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they are re-
ceived: so shall it be taken from the lot of our inheritance. And 4
when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then shall
their inheritance be put unto the inheritance of the tribe where-
unto they are received: so shall their inheritance be taken away
from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to 5
the word of the LORD, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph
hath said well. This *is* the thing which the LORD doth com- 6
mand concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them
marry to whom they think best; only to the family of the tribe
of their father shall they marry. So shall not the inheritance of 7
the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe: for every one
of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of
the tribe of his fathers. And every daughter, that possesseth an 8
inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife
unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children
of Israel may enjoy every man the inheritance of his fathers.
Neither shall the inheritance remove from *one* tribe to another 9
tribe; but every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall
keep himself to his own inheritance. Even as the LORD com- 10
manded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad: for Mahlah, 11
Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of
Zelophehad, were married unto their father's brothers' sons: and 12
they were married into the families of the sons of Manasseh the

son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father.

These *are* the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES, CALLED DEUTERONOMY.

THESE *be* the words which Moses spake unto all Israel 1
on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over-
against the Red *sea*, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban,
and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. (*There are* eleven days' *journey* 2
from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea.) And 3
it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on
the first *day* of the month, *that* Moses spake unto the children of
Israel, according unto all that the LORD had given him in
commandment unto them; after he had slain Sihon the king of the 4
Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan,
which dwelt at Astaroth in Edrei: on this side Jordan, in the 5
land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying,

The LORD our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have 6
dwelt long enough in this mount: turn you, and take your journey, 7
and go to the mount of the Amorites, and unto all *the places* nigh
thereunto, in the plain, in the hills, and in the vale, and in the
south, and by the sea-side, to the land of the Canaanites, and
unto Lebanon, unto the great river, the river Euphrates. Be- 8
hold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land
which the LORD sware unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and
Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to 9
bear you myself alone: the LORD your God hath multiplied 10
you, and, behold, ye *are* this day as the stars of heaven for mul-
titude. (The LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand 11
times so many more as ye *are*, and bless you, as he hath prom-
ised you!) how can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and 12
your burden, and your strife? Take ye wise men, and under- 13
standing, and known among your tribes, and I will make them
rulers over you. And ye answered me, and said, The thing which 14
thou hast spoken is good *for us* to do. So I took the chief of 15
your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over
you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and
captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among
your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, 16
Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously
between every man and his brother, and the stranger *that is*

with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; *but* ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment *is* God's: and the cause that is too hard for you, bring *it* unto me, and I will hear it. And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do.

And when we departed from Horeb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye saw by the way of the mountain of the Amorites, as the LORD our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God doth give unto us. Behold, the LORD thy God hath set the land before thee: go up *and* possess *it*, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath said unto thee; fear not, neither be discouraged. And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search us out the land, and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come. And the saying pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe: and they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and searched it out. And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought *it* down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, *It is* a good land which the LORD our God doth give us. Notwithstanding ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God: and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the LORD hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. Whither shall we go up? our brethren have discouraged our heart, saying, The people *is* greater and taller than we; the cities *are* great and walled up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakims there. Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. The LORD your God, which goeth before you, he shall fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; and in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place. Yet in this thing ye did not believe the LORD your God, ' who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents *in*, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in a cloud by day. And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers, ' save Caleb the son of Jephunneh: he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD. Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou also shalt not go in thither. *But* Joshua the son of Nun, which standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage him: for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. Moreover your little ones,

which ye said should be a prey, and your children, which in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it. But *as for* you, turn ye, and take your journey into the wilderness, by the way of the Red sea. Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against the LORD, we will go up and fight, according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when ye had girded on every man his weapons of war, ye were ready to go up into the hill. And the LORD said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I *am* not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. So I spake unto you; and ye would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously up into the hill. And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, *even* unto Hormah. And ye returned, and wept before the LORD; but the LORD would not hearken to your voice, nor give ear unto you. So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode *there*.

Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and we compassed mount Seir many days. And the LORD spake unto me, saying, 'Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore: meddle not with them; for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot-breadth; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau *for* a possession. Ye shall buy meat of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God *hath been* with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

And when we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, through the way of the plain from Elath, and from Ezion-gaber, we turned, and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. And the LORD said unto me, Distress not the Moabites, neither contend with them in battle: for I will not give thee of their land *for* a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot *for* a possession. The Emims dwelt therein in times past, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; which also were accounted giants, as the Anakims; but the Moabites call them Emims. The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime: but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.

Now rise up, *said I*, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered. And the space in which we

came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, *was* thirty-and-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were wasted out from among the host, as the LORD swore unto them. For indeed the hand of the LORD 15 was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were consumed.

So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed 16 and dead from among the people, that the LORD spake unto me, 17 saying, Thou art to pass over through Ar, the coast of Moab, 18 this day: and *when* thou comest nigh over-against the children 19 of Ammon, distress them not, nor meddle with them: for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon *any* possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot *for* a possession. (That also was accounted a land of giants: giants 20 dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zam-zammims; a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; 21 but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: as he did to the children of Esau, 22 which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: and the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, *even* 23 unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphter, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)

Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the river Arnon: 24 behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess *it*, and contend with him in battle. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee 25 and the fear of thee upon the nations *that are* under the whole heaven, who shall hear report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee. And I sent messengers out of 26 the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon, with words of peace, saying, 'Let me pass through thy land: I will go 27 along by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand nor to the left. Thou shalt sell me meat for money, that I may 28 eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only I will pass through on my feet; (as the children of Esau which 29 dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me;) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God giveth us. But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let 30 us pass by him: for the LORD thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as *appeareth* this day. And the LORD said unto me, Be- 31 hold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. Then Sihon came 32 out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. And the 33 LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people. And we took all his cities at 34 that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city; we left none to remain: only the 35 cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took. From Aroer, which *is* by the brink of the 36

river of Arnon, and *from* the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us: only unto the land of the children of 37 Ammon thou camest not, *nor* unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.

Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og 3 the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: 2 for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. So the LORD our 3 God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time; there was not 4 a city which we took not from them, threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan. All these cities 5 *were* fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside unwallled towns a great many. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did 6 unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying the men, women, and children, of every city. But all the cattle, and the spoil of 7 the cities, we took for a prey to ourselves. And we took at that 8 time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that *was* on this side Jordan, from the river of Arnon unto mount Hermon; (*which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion; and the 9 Amorites call it Shenir;) all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, 10 and all Bashan, unto Salchah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. For only Og king of Bashan remained of the 11 remnant of giants; behold, his bedstead *was* a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbath of the children of Ammon? nine cubits *was* the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.

And this land, *which* we possessed at that time, from Aroer, 12 which *is* by the river Arnon, and half mount Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites. And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, *being* the kingdom of 13 Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; all the region of Argob, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants. Jair the son of Manasseh took all the country of Argob unto the 14 coasts of Geshuri and Maachathi; and called them after his own name, Bashan-havoth-jair, unto this day. And I gave Gilead unto 15 Machir. And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave 16 from Gilead even unto the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border even unto the river Jabbok, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon; the plain also, and Jordan, and the coast 17 *thereof*, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, under Ashdoth-pisgah eastward. And I commanded 18 you at that time, saying, The LORD your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all *that are* meet for the war. But your 19 wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (*for* I know that ye

have much cattle,) shall abide in your cities which I have given you: until the LORD hath given rest unto your brethren, as 20 well as unto you. and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God hath given them beyond Jordan: and *then* shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you.

And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes 21 have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the LORD do unto all the kingdoms whither thou passest. Ye shall not fear them: for the LORD your God 22 he shall fight for you. And I besought the LORD at that time, 23 saying, 'O LORD God, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy 24 greatness, and thy mighty hand: for what God *is there* in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy might? I pray thee, let me go over, and see the good land 25 that is beyond Jordan that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. But 26 the LORD was wroth with me for your sakes, and would not hear me: and the LORD said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. Get thee up into the top of Pis- 27 gah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold *it* with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. But charge Joshua, and encourage him, 28 and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which thou shalt see. So 29 we abode in the valley over-against Beth-peor.

Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto 30 the judgments, which I teach you, for to do *them*, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word 2 which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *anything* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. Your eyes have seen what the 3 LORD did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed Baal-peor, the LORD thy God hath destroyed them from among you. But ye that did cleave unto the LORD your God *are* alive 4 every one of you this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes 5 and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep 6 therefore and do *them*: for this *is* your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation *is* a wise and understanding people. For what nation *is there* so great, who hath 7 God so nigh unto them, as the LORD our God *is* in all things that we call upon him *for*? And what nation *is there* so great, that 8 hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy 9 soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; '*specially* the day 10 that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will

make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *that* they may teach their children. And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. And the LORD spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of the words, but saw no similitude; only *ye heard* a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, *even* ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone. And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day *that* the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: lest ye corrupt *yourselves*, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast that *is* on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, *†* the likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, *even* all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven. But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, *even* out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as *ye are* this day. Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance: but I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, *or* the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. For the LORD thy God *is* a consuming fire, *even* a jealous God.

When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt *yourselves*, and make a graven image, *or* the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, to provoke him to anger; I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither the LORD shall lead you. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.

But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find *him*, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are

come upon thee, *even* in the latter days, if thou turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (for the LORD thy God *is* a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing *is*, or hath been heard like it? Did *ever* people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? Or hath God assayed to go *and* take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched-out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he *is* God; *there is* none else beside him. Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he showed thee his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt; to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou *art*, to bring thee in, to give thee their land *for* an inheritance, as *it is* this day. Know therefore this day, and consider *it* in thine heart, that the LORD he *is* God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: *there is* none else. Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong *thy* days upon the earth, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, for ever.

THEN Moses severed three cities on this side Jordan toward the sun-rising; that the slayer might flee thither, which should kill his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in times past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities he might live: *namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, of the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, of the Manassites.

AND this *is* the law which Moses set before the children of Israel: these *are* the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, after they came forth out of Egypt, ' on this side Jordan, in the valley over-against Beth-peor in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt: and they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bashan, two kings of the Amorites, which *were* on this side Jordan toward the sun-rising; from Aroer, which *is* by the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, which *is* Hermon, ' and all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain, unto the springs of Pisgah.

AND Moses called all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O 5
 Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears
 this day, that ye may learn them, and keep, and do them. The 2
 LORD our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD 3
 made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us,
 who *are* all of us here alive this day. The LORD talked with 4
 you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire, (I stood 5
 between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word
 of the LORD: for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and went
 not up into the mount;) saying, 'I *am* the LORD thy God, 6
 which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of
 bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods before me. Thou 7,8
 shalt not make thee *any* graven image, or any likeness of *any*
thing that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or
 that *is* in the waters beneath the earth: thou shalt not bow down 9
 thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God, *am*
 a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the chil-
 dren unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me,
 'and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and 10
 keep my commandments. Thou shalt not take the name of the 11
 LORD thy God in vain: for the LORD will not hold *him* guilt-
 less that taketh his name in vain. Keep the sabbath day to 12
 sanctify it, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. Six 13
 days thou shalt labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day 14
is the sabbath of the LORD thy God: *in it* thou shalt not do any
 work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant,
 nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy
 cattle, nor thy stranger that *is* within thy gates; that thy man-
 servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. And re- 15
 member that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and *that*
 the LORD thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty
 hand and by a stretched-out arm: therefore the LORD thy God 16
 commanded thee to keep the sabbath day. Honor thy father 16
 and thy mother, as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee;
 that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with
 thee, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. Thou 17
 shalt not kill. 'Neither shalt thou commit adultery. 'Neither 18
 shalt thou steal. Neither shalt thou bear false witness against 20
 thy neighbor. Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's wife, 21
 neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's house, his field, or his
 man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or any *thing*
 that *is* thy neighbor's.

These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the 22
 mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick
 darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he
 wrote them in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me.
 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst 23
 of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye
 came near unto me, *even* all the heads of your tribes, and your
 elders; and ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath showed us 24
 his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of

the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Now therefore why should we die? 25
 for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. For who *is there of* 26
 all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and lived? Go thou near, 27
 and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear *it*, and do *it*. And the LORD heard the voice of 28
 your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. O that there were such an heart in them, that they 29
 would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! Go 30
 say to them, Get you into your tents again. But as for thee, stand 31
 thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do *them* in the land which I give them to possess it. Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD 32
 your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. Ye shall walk in all the ways which 33
 the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and *that it may be* well with you, and *that* ye may prolong *your* days in the land which ye shall possess.

NOW these *are* the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do *them* in the land whither ye go to possess it, 'that thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do 3
it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: 'and thou 4,5
 shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I 6
 command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt 7
 teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And 8
 thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them 9
 upon the posts of thine house, and on thy gates. And it shall be, 10
 when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 'and houses full of all good *things*, which thou filledst not, 11
 and wells digged which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten

and be full; *then* beware lest thou forget the LORD, which 12
brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of
bondage. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, 13
and shalt swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, 14
of the gods of the people which *are* round about you; (for the 15
LORD thy God *is* a jealous God among you;) lest the anger of
the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and destroy thee from
off the face of the earth.

Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted *him* in 16
Massah. Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the 17
LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he
hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do *that which is* right 18
and good in the sight of the LORD; that it may be well with
thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which
the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to cast out all thine enemies 19
from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

And when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What 20
mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which
the LORD our God hath commanded you? Then thou shalt say 21
unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bondmen in Egypt; and the
LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: and the 22
LORD showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt,
upon Pharaoh, and upon all his household, before our eyes: and 23
he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give
us the land which he sware unto our fathers. And the LORD 24
commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our
God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as *it*
is at this day. And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe 25
to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he
hath commanded us.

When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither 7
thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before
thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the
Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites,
seven nations greater and mightier than thou; and when the 2
LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite
them, *and* utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant
with them, nor show mercy unto them: neither shalt thou make 3
marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his
son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will 4
turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other
gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you,
and destroy thee suddenly. But thus shall ye deal with them; 5
ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and
cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.
For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD 6
thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself,
above all people that *are* upon the face of the earth.

The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, be- 7
cause ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were*
the fewest of all people: but because the LORD loved you, and 8

because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them. Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he swore unto thy fathers: and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he swore unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all people: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee; but will lay them upon all *them* that hate thee.

And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee: thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods: for that *will be* a snare unto thee. If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations *are* more than I: how can I dispossess them? Thou shalt not be afraid of them: *but* shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; the great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched-out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art afraid. Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed. Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God *is* among you, a mighty God and terrible. And the LORD thy God will put out these nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. But the LORD thy God shall deliver them unto thee, and shall destroy them with a mighty destruction, until they be destroyed. And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold *that is* on them, nor take *it* unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it *is* an abomination to the LORD thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: *but* thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it *is* a cursed thing.

All the commandments which I command thee this day shall 8
ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and 2
possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. And
thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led
thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to
prove thee, to know what *was* in thine heart, whether thou 3
wouldest keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee,
and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which 4
thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might
make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but 5
by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD
doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither 6
did thy foot swell, these forty years. Thou shalt also consider in
thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, *so* the LORD thy 7
God chasteneth thee. Therefore thou shalt keep the command-
ments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear 8
him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a
land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out 9
of valleys and hills; a land of wheat, and barley, and vines;
and fig-trees, and pomegranates; a land of oil olive, and honey; 10
a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou
shalt not lack any *thing* in it; a land whose stones *are* iron, and
out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. When thou hast eaten 11
and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good
land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the 12
LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judg-
ments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: lest 13
when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses,
and dwelt *therein*; and *when* thy herds and thy flocks multiply, 14
and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast
is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the 15
LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of
Egypt, from the house of bondage; who led thee through that 16
great and terrible wilderness, *wherein were* fiery serpents, and
scorpions, and drought, where *there was* no water; who brought
thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the 17
wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he
might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee
good at thy latter end; and thou say in thine heart, My power 18
and the might of *mine* hand hath gotten me this wealth. But
thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth
thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant 19
which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day. And it shall
be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after 20
other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against
you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which
the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish: be-
cause ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD
your God.

HEAR, O Israel: Thou *art* to pass over Jordan this day, to go 9
in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great

and fenced up to heaven, 'a people great and tall, the children 2
of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and *of whom* thou hast
heard *say*, Who can stand before the children of Anak! Under- 3
stand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God *is* he which
goeth over before thee; *as* a consuming fire he shall destroy
them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt
thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD
hath said unto thee. Speak not thou in thine heart, after that 4
the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying,
For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess
this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD
doth drive them out from before thee. Not for thy righteousness, 5
or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their
land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy
God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may per-
form the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abra-
ham, Isaac, and Jacob. Understand therefore, that the LORD 6
thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy right-
eousness; for thou *art* a stiff-necked people.

Remember, *and* forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD 7
thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst
depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place,
ye have been rebellious against the LORD. Also in Horeb ye 8
provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with
you to have destroyed you. When I was gone up into the mount 9
to receive the tables of stone, *even* the tables of the covenant
which the LORD made with you, then I abode in the mount
forty days and forty nights; I neither did eat bread nor drink
water: and the LORD delivered unto me two tables of stone 10
written with the finger of God; and on them *was written* accord-
ing to all the words, which the LORD spake with you in the
mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly.
And it came to pass at the end of forty days and forty nights, 11
that the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, *even* the tables
of the covenant. And the LORD said unto me, Arise, get thee 12
down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought
forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*; they are quickly
turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they
have made them a molten image. Furthermore the LORD spake 13
unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it *is* a stiff-
necked people: let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot 14
out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a
nation mightier and greater than they. So I turned and came 15
down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the
two tables of the covenant *were* in my two hands. And I looked, 16
and, behold, ye had sinned against the LORD your God, *and*
had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out
of the way which the LORD had commanded you. And I 17
took the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and
brake them before your eyes. And I fell down before the LORD, 18
as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread,

nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, where- 19
with the LORD was wroth against you to destroy you. But the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also. And the LORD 20
was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron also the same time. And I took your sin, the calf 21
which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, and ground it very small, even until it was as small as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hat- 22
taavah, ye provoked the LORD to wrath. Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess 23
the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. Ye have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you. Thus I fell down before 24
the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down at the first; because the LORD had said he would destroy you. I prayed 25
therefore unto the LORD, and said, O LORD God, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, 26
and Jacob: look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin: lest the land whence thou 27
broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wil- 28
derness. Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy mighty power and by thy stretched- 29
out arm.

At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables 10
of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. And I will write on the tables 2
the words that were in the first tables which thou brakedst, and thou shalt put them in the ark. And I made an ark of shittim 3
wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in mine hand. And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the 4
ten commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave them unto me. And I turned myself and 5
came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD commanded me.

And the children of Israel took their journey from Beeroth of the children of Jaakan to Mosera: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; 7
and from Gudgodah to Jotbath, a land of rivers of waters.

At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD 8

to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. Wherefore Levi hath no part nor inheritance with his brethren ; 9 the LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God promised him. And I stayed in the mount, according to the first 10 time, forty days and forty nights ; and the LORD hearkened unto me at that time also, *and* the LORD would not destroy thee. And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take *thy* journey before the 11 people, that they may go in and possess the land which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of 12 thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the LORD, 13 and his statutes, which I command thee this day, for thy good ? Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens *is* the LORD'S 14 thy God, the earth *also*, with all that therein *is*. Only the LORD 15 had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day. Cir- 16 cumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. For the LORD your God *is* God of gods, and Lord 17 of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible, which regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward : he doth execute the judgment 18 of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger : for ye 19 were strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD 20 thy God ; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He *is* thy praise, and he *is* thy God, that 21 hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen. Thy fathers went down into Egypt with three- 22 score and ten persons ; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude. Therefore thou shalt 11 love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgments, and his commandments, alway.

And know ye this day : for *I speak* not with your children 2 which have not known, and which have not seen the chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched-out arm, ' and his miracles, and his acts, which 3 he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land ; and what he did unto the army of Egypt, 4 unto their horses, and to their chariots ; how he made the water of the Red sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD hath destroyed them unto this day ; and what 5 he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came into this place ; and what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the 6 son of Reuben : how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that *was* in their possession, in the midst of all Israel : but 7 your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which he did. Therefore shall ye keep all the commandments which I 8 command you this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go to possess it ; and that ye may 9

prolong *your* days in the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, *is* not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst *it* with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: but the land, whither ye go to possess it, *is* a land of hills and valleys, *and* drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the LORD thy God careth for: the eyes of the LORD thy God *are* always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them: and *then* the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit: and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the doorposts of thine house, and upon thy gates: that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth.

For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves. Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be your's: from the wilderness and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the uttermost sea, shall your coast be. There shall no man be able to stand before you: *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath said unto you.

Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; 'a blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: and a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou

goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim. and the curse upon mount Ebal. *Are they not on the* 30
other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goeth down, in the
land of the Canaanites, which dwell in the champaign over-
against Gilgal, beside the plains of Moreh? For ye shall pass 31
over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your
God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. And 32
ye shall observe to do all the statutes and judgments which I set
before you this day.

THESE *are* the statutes and judgments, which ye shall observe 12
to do in the land which the LORD God of thy fathers giveth
thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth.

Ye shall utterly destroy all the places, wherein the nations 2
which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high moun-
tains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: and ye 3
shall overthrow their altars, and break their pillars, and burn
their groves with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven
images of their gods, and destroy the names of them out of that
place.

Ye shall not do so unto the LORD your God. But unto the 4,5
place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your
tribes to put his name there, *even* unto his habitation shall ye
seek, and thither thou shalt come: and thither ye shall bring 6
your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and
heave-offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill-
offerings, and the firstlings of your herds and of your flocks: and 7
there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall re-
joice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households,
wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee. Ye shall not do 8
after all *the things* that we do here this day, every man whatso-
ever *is* right in his own eyes. For ye are not as yet come to the 9
rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth
you. But *when* ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which 10
the LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and *when* he giveth
you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in
safety: then there shall be a place which the LORD your God 11
shall choose to cause his name to dwell there: thither shall ye
bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your
sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and
all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: and ye 12
shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and
your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants,
and the Levite that *is* within your gates: forasmuch as he hath
no part nor inheritance with you. Take heed to thyself that thou 13
offer not thy burnt-offerings in every place that thou seest: but 14
in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes,
there thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, and there thou shalt do
all that I command thee. Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and 15
eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, ac-
cording to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath
given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of

the roebuck, and as of the hart. Only ye shall not eat the blood; 16
 ye shall pour it upon the earth as water. Thou mayest not eat 17
 within thy gates the tythe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy
 oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy
 vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill-offerings, or heave-
 offering of thine hand: but thou must eat them before the LORD 18
 thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose,
 thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and
 thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and
 thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou 19
 puttest thine hands unto. Take heed to thyself that thou forsake 19
 not the Levite as long as thou livest upon the earth. When the 20
 LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised
 thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, (because thy soul longeth
 to eat flesh;) thou mayest eat flesh, whatsoever thy soul lusteth
 after. If the place which the LORD thy God hath chosen to 21
 put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of
 thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as
 I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat in thy gates what-
 soever thy soul lusteth after. Even as the roebuck and the hart 22
 is eaten, so thou shalt eat them: the unclean and the clean shall
 eat of them alike. Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: 23
 for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with
 the flesh. Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it upon the 24
 earth as water. Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with 25
 thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do *that*
which is right in the sight of the LORD. Only thy holy things 26
 which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the
 place which the LORD shall choose: and thou shalt offer thy 27
 burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the
 LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured
 out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou shalt eat the
 flesh. Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, 28
 that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee
 for ever, when thou doest *that which is good and right* in the
 sight of the LORD thy God.

When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before 29
 thee, whither thou goest to possess them, and thou succeedest
 them, and dwellest in their land; take heed to thyself that thou
 be not snared by following them, after that they be destroyed
 from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, say-
 ing, How did these nations serve their gods? even so will I do
 likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for 31
 every abomination to the LORD which he hateth have they
 done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters
 they have burnt in the fire to their gods. What thing soever I 32
 command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor
 diminish from it.

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, 13
 and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, ' and the sign or the wonder 2
 come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after

other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken to turn *you* away from the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to thrust thee out of the way which the LORD thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put the evil away from the midst of thee.

If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which *is* as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; *namely*, of the gods of the people which *are* round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth; thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him; but thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to thrust thee away from the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is among you.

If thou shalt hear *say* in one of thy cities, which the LORD thy God hath given thee to dwell there, saying, *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you: thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shall burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again. And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand; that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; when thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

Ye are the children of the LORD your God : ye shall not cut **14**
 yourselves. nor make any baldness between your eyes, for the
 dead. For thou *art* an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and **2**
 the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto him-
 self, above all the nations that *are* upon the earth.

Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. 'These *are* the **3**
 beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, 'the **5**
 hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow-deer, and the wild goat,
 and the pygarg, and the wild ox, and the chamois. And every **6**
 beast that parteth the hoof, and cleaveth the cleft into two claws,
 and cheweth the cud among the beasts, that ye shall eat. Never- **7**
 theless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of
 them that divide the cloven hoof; *as* the camel, and the hare,
 and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof;
therefore they are unclean unto you. And the swine, because it **8**
 divideth the hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it *is* unclean unto
 you: ye shall not eat of their flesh, nor touch their dead carcass.
 'These ye shall eat of all that *are* in the waters: all that have **9**
 fins and scales shall ye eat; and whatsoever hath not fins and **10**
 scales ye may not eat; it *is* unclean unto you. Of all clean **11**
 birds ye shall eat. But these *are they* of which ye shall not eat: **12**
 the eagle, and the ossifrage, and the ospray, 'and the glede, and **13**
 the kite, and the vulture after his kind, 'and every raven after his **14**
 kind, 'and the owl, and the night-hawk, and the cuckoo, and **15**
 the hawk after his kind, 'the little owl, and the great owl, and **16**
 the swan, 'and the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormo- **17**
 rant, 'and the stork, and the heron after her kind, and the lap- **18**
 wing, and the bat. And every creeping thing that flieth *is* un- **19**
 clean unto you: they shall not be eaten. But of all clean fowls **20**
 ye may eat. Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: **21**
 thou shalt give it unto the stranger that *is* in thy gates, that he
 may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou *art* an
 holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a
 kid in his mother's milk.

Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the **22**
 field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the **23**
 LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his
 name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil,
 and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest
 learn to fear the LORD thy God always. And if the way be too **24**
 long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it: or if the place
 be too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to
 set his name there, when the LORD thy God hath blessed thee:
 then shalt thou turn *it* into money, and bind up the money in **25**
 thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God
 shall choose: and thou shalt bestow that money for whatsoever **26**
 thy soul lusteth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for
 strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul desireth: and thou shalt eat
 there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and
 thine household, 'and the Levite that *is* within thy gates; thou **27**

shalt not forsake him; for he hath no part nor inheritance with thee.

At the end of three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of 28
thine increase the same year, and shalt lay *it* up within thy gates;
and the Levite (because he hath no part nor inheritance with 29
thee,) and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which
are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied;
that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine
hand which thou doest.

At the end of *every* seven years thou shalt make a release. 15
And this *is* the manner of the release: Every creditor that 2
lendeth *ought* unto his neighbor shall release *it*; he shall not ex-
act *it* of his neighbor, or of his brother; because it is called the
LORD'S release. Of a foreigner thou mayest exact *it* again: 3
but *that* which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release;
'save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD 4
shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God
giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it: only if thou care- 5
fully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe
to do all these commandments which I command thee this day.
For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and 6
thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow;
and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign
over thee.

If there be among you a poor man of one of thy brethren 7
within any of thy gates, in thy land which the LORD thy God
giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine
hand from thy poor brother: but thou shalt open thine hand 8
wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need,
in that which he wanteth. Beware that there be not a thought 9
in thy wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of re-
lease, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother,
and thou givest him nought: and he cry unto the LORD against
thee, and it be sin unto thee. Thou shalt surely give him; and 10
thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: be-
cause that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in
all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto. For 11
the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command
thee, saying, Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto thy brother,
to thy poor, and to thy needy, in thy land.

And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, 12
be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh
year thou shalt let him go free from thee. And when thou send- 13
est him out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go away empty:
thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy 14
floor, and out of thy wine-press: *of that* wherewith the LORD
thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him. And thou 15
shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt,
and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command
thee this thing to-day. And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I 16
will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine

house, because he is well with thee; then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust *it* through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maid-servant thou shalt do likewise. It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee; for he hath been worth a double hired servant *to thee*, in serving thee six years: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.

All the firstling males that come of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy bullock, nor shear the firstling of thy sheep. Thou shalt eat *it* before the LORD thy God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household. And if there be *any* blemish therein, *as if it be* lame, or blind, *or have* any ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean *person shall eat it* alike, as the roebuck, and as the hart. Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it upon the ground as water.

Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. Thou shalt therefore sacrifice the passover unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place his name there. Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, *even* the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. And there shall be no leavened bread seen with thee in all thy coast seven days; neither shall there *any thing* of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee; but at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. And thou shalt roast and eat *it* in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day *shall be* a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God; thou shalt do no work *therein*.

Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from *such time as* thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill-offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give *unto the LORD thy God*, according as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that *is* within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* among you, in the place which the LORD thy

God hath chosen to place his name there. And thou shalt re- 12
member that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt ob-
serve and do these statutes.

Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after 13
that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine: and thou shalt 14
rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy
man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger,
and the fatherless, and the widow, that *are* within thy gates.
Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the LORD thy 15
God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the
LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase, and in all
the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the 16
LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast
of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast
of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD
empty: every man *shall give* as he is able, according to the 17
blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee.

Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which 18
the LORD thy God giveth thee, throughout thy tribes: and they
shall judge the people with just judgment. Thou shalt not wrest 19
judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for
a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of
the righteous. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, 20
that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy
God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the 21
altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Nei- 22
ther shalt thou set thee up *any* image, which the LORD thy
God hateth.

Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God *any* bullock, 17
or sheep, wherein is blemish, *or* any evil-favoredness: for that
is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which 2
the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought
wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing
his covenant, 'and hath gone and served other gods, and wor- 3
shipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of
heaven, which I have not commanded: and it be told thee, and 4
thou hast heard of it, and inquired diligently, and, behold, *it be*
true, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought in
Israel: then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, 5
which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, *even*
that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till
they die. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, 6
shall he that is worthy of death be put to death: *but* at the mouth
of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the 7
witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and after-
ward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil
away from among you.

If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between 8

blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, *being* matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose; and thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment: and thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall show thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee: according to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall show thee, *to* the right hand, nor *to* the left. And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me; thou shalt in any wise set *him* king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: *one* from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which *is* not thy brother. But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites: and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, *to* the right hand, or *to* the left: to the end that he may prolong *his* days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

The priests the Levites, *and* all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance. Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD *is* their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether *it be* ox or sheep: and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. The first-fruit *also* of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes,

to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose; then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites *do*, which stand there before the LORD. They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you *any one* that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so *to do*.

The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken: according to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the LORD said unto me, They have well *spoken that* which they have spoken. I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.

But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

When the LORD thy God hath cut off the nations, whose land the LORD thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it. Thou shalt prepare thee a way, and divide the coasts of thy land, which the LORD thy God giveth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every slayer may flee thither.

And this is the case of the slayer, which shall flee thither, 4
that he may live: Whoso killeth his neighbor ignorantly, whom
he hated not in time past; as when a man goeth into the wood 5
with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke
with the ax to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the
helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor, that he die; he shall flee 6
unto one of these cities, and live: lest the avenger of the blood
pursue the slayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, be-
cause the way is long, and slay him; whereas he *was* not worthy 7
of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. Wherefore
I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for 8
thee. And if the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath
sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he 9
promised to give unto thy fathers; if thou shalt keep all these
commandments to do them, which I command thee this day, to
love the LORD thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then
shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:
that innocent blood be not shed in thy land, which the LORD 10
thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and *so* blood be upon
thee. But if any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, 11
and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die, and
fleeth into one of these cities: then the elders of his city shall 12
send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the
avenger of blood, that he may die. Thine eye shall not pity him, 13
but thou shalt put away *the guilt of* innocent blood from Israel,
that it may go well with thee.

Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor's landmark, which they 14
of old time have set in thine inheritance, which thou shalt inherit
in the land that the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it.

One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, 15
or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two
witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be
established. If a false witness rise up against any man to testify 16
against him *that which is* wrong; then both the men, between 17
whom the controversy *is*, shall stand before the LORD, before
the priests and the judges which shall be in those days; and the 18
judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, *if* the witness
be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;
then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto 19
his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you.
And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall hence- 20
forth commit no more any such evil among you. And thine eye 21
shall not pity; *but life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth,*
hand for hand, foot for foot.

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest 20
horses, and chariots, *and* a people more than thou, be not afraid
of them: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee, which brought thee
up out of the land of Egypt. And it shall be, when ye are come 2
nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak
unto the people, 'and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel; ye 3
approach this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your

hearts faint, fear not, and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified because of them; for the LORD your God *is* he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man *is there* that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. And what man *is he* that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not *yet* eaten of it? let him *also* go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man eat of it. And what man *is there* that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man *is there that is* fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart faint as well as his heart. And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

When thou comest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, *that* all the people *that is* found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and they shall serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: and when the LORD thy God hath delivered it into thine hands, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, *even* all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities *which are* very far off from thee, which *are* not of the cities of these nations. But of the cities of these people which the LORD thy God doth give thee *for* an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth: but thou shalt utterly destroy them; *namely*, the Hittites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee: that they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the LORD your God.

When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by forcing an ax against them: for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down (for the tree of the field *is* man's *life*) to employ *them* in the siege: only the trees which thou knowest that they *be* not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it be subdued.

If *one* be found slain in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, *and* it be not known who hath slain him; then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which *are* round

about him that is slain: and it shall be, *that the city which is* 3
next unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take
an heifer, which hath not been wrought with, *and* which hath 4
not drawn in the yoke; and the elders of that city shall bring
down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither eared nor
sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley:
and the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the 5
LORD thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless
in the name of the LORD; and by their word shall every con-
troversy and every stroke be *tried*: and all the elders of that 6
city, *that are* next unto the slain man, shall wash their hands
over the heifer that is beheaded in the valley: and they shall 7
answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither
have our eyes seen *it*. Be merciful, O LORD, unto thy people 8
Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and lay not innocent blood
unto thy people of Israel's charge. And the blood shall be for-
given them. So shalt thou put away the *guilt of* innocent 9
blood from among you, when thou shalt do *that which is* right in
the sight of the LORD.

When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the 10
LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou
hast taken them captive, and seest among the captives a beautiful 11
woman, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldest have her
to thy wife; 'then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and 12
she shall shave her head, and pare her nails; and she shall put 13
the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine
house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and
after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and
she shall be thy wife. And it shall be, if thou have no delight 14
in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt
not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not make merchandise
of her, because thou hast humbled her.

If a man have two wives, one beloved, and another hated, 15
and they have borne him children, *both* the beloved and the
hated; and *if* the first-born son be her's that was hated: then it 16
shall be, when he maketh his sons to inherit *that* which he hath,
that he may not make the son of the beloved first-born before the
son of the hated, *which is indeed* the first-born: but he shall ac- 17
knowledge the son of the hated *for* the first-born, by giving him
a double portion of all that he hath: for he *is* the beginning of
his strength; the right of the first-born *is* his.

If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not 18
obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and *that*,
when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:
then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring 19
him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place;
and they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is 20
stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; *he is* a
glutton, and a drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone 21
him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from
among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he 22
be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: his body 23
shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any
wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged *is* accursed of
God;) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God
giveth thee *for* an inheritance.

Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, 22
and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them
again unto thy brother. And if thy brother *be* not nigh unto 2
thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine
own house, and it shall be with thee, until thy brother seek after
it, and thou shalt restore it to him again. In like manner shalt 3
thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment: and
with all lost things of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou
hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.
Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the 4
way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to
lift *them* up again.

The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, 5
neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do
so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, 6
or on the ground, *whether they be* young ones, or eggs, and the
dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take
the dam with the young: *but* thou shalt in any wise let the dam 7
go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee,
and *that* thou mayest prolong *thy* days.

When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a bat- 8
tlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house,
if any man fall from thence.

Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the 9
fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vine-
yard, be defiled. Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass to- 10
gether. Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of 11
woollen and linen together.

Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy 12
vesture, wherewith thou coverest *thyself*.

If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her. 13
and give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil 14
name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to
her, I found her not a maid: then shall the father of the damsel, 15
and her mother, take and bring forth *the tokens of* the damsel's
virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: and the dam- 16
sel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto
this man to wife, and he hateth her; and, lo, he hath given occa- 17
sions of speech *against her*, saying, I found not thy daughter a
maid: and yet these *are the tokens of* my daughter's virginity.
And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.
And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; 18
and they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and 19
give *them* unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought

up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. But if this thing be true, *and the tokens of virginity* be not found for the damsel: then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die; because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, *both* the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

If a damsel *that is* a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, *being* in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbor's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die: but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; *there is* in the damsel no sin *worthy* of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbor, and slayeth him, even so *is* this matter: for he found her in the field, *and* the betrothed damsel cried, and *there was* none to save her.

If a man find a damsel *that is* a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD. An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the LORD for ever: because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor of Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee. Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever. Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite: for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger in his land. The children that are begotten of them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

When the host goeth forth against thine enemies, then keep thee from every wicked thing. If there be among you any man that is not clean by reason of uncleanness that chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: but it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall wash *himself* with water: and when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp *again*. Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: and thou shalt have a paddle upon thy weapon; and it shall be, when thou wilt ease thyself abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: for the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy, that he see no unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant which is escaped from his master unto thee: he shall dwell with thee, *even* among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother: usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is lent upon usury: unto a stranger thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to, in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt keep and perform; *even* a freewill-offering, according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure: but thou shalt not put *any* in thy vessel. When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbor, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor's standing corn.

When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass that she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some uncleanness in her: then let him write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*. And *if* the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and giveth it in her hand, and sendeth her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which

took her to be his wife; her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. 4

When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business: *but* he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken. 5

No man shall take the nether or the upper mill-stone to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge. 6

If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and maketh merchandise of him, or selleth him; then that thief shall die; and thou shalt put evil away from among you. 7

Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. Remember what the LORD thy God did unto Miriam by the way, after that ye were come forth out of Egypt. 8 9

When thou dost lend thy brother any thing, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. Thou shalt stand abroad, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out the pledge abroad unto thee. And if the man be poor, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: in any case thou shalt deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his own raiment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the LORD thy God. 10 11 12 13

Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: at his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the LORD, and it be sin unto thee. 14 15

The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 16

Thou shalt not pervert the judgment of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take the widow's raiment to pledge: but thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing. 17 18

When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands. When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. And thou 19 20 21 22

shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, that *the judges* may judge them: then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. And it shall be, if the wicked man *be* worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number. Forty stripes he may give him, and not exceed: lest, *if* he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out *the corn*.

If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, *that* the first-born which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother *which is* dead, that his name be not put out of Israel. And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it*, and say, I like not to take her: then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house. And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets: then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity *her*.

Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. *But* thou shalt have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. *For* all that do such things, *and* all that do unrighteously, *are* an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt; how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, *even* all *that were* feeble behind thee, when thou *wast* faint and weary: and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance to possess it, *that* thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven: thou shalt not forget *it*.

And it shall be, when thou *art* come in unto the land which **26**
the LORD thy God giveth thee *for* an inheritance, and possessest
it, and dwellest therein; that thou shalt take of the first of all **2**
the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that
the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put *it* in a basket, and
shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose
to place his name there. And thou shalt go unto the priest that **3**
shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto
the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the country which the
LORD sware unto our fathers for to give us. And the priest **4**
shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before
the altar of the LORD thy God. And thou shalt speak and say **5**
before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish *was* my
father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with
a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:
and the Egyptians evil-entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid **6**
upon us hard bondage: and when we cried unto the LORD God **7**
of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice, and looked on our
affliction and our labor, and our oppression: and the LORD **8**
brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an
outstretched arm, and with great terribleness, and with signs,
and with wonders: and he hath brought us into this place, and **9**
hath given us this land, *even* a land that floweth with milk and
honey. And now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the **10**
land, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set
it before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD thy
God: and thou shalt rejoice in every good *thing* which the LORD **11**
thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and
the Levite, and the stranger that *is* among you.

When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithes of thine **12**
increase the third year, *which is* the year of tithing, and hast
given *it* unto the Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the
widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled; then **13**
thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have brought away
the hallowed things out of *mine* house, and also have given them
unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to
the widow, according to all thy commandments which thou hast
commanded me: I have not transgressed thy commandments,
neither have I forgotten *them*: I have not eaten thereof in my **14**
mourning, neither have I taken away *ought* thereof for *any* un-
clean *use*, nor given *ought* thereof for the dead: *but* I have
hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, *and* have done
according to all that thou hast commanded me. Look down **15**
from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Is-
rael, and the land which thou hast given us, as thou swarest
unto our fathers, a land that floweth with milk and honey.

This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these **16**
statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them
with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. Thou hast avouched **17**
the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and
to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments,

and to hearken unto his voice: and the LORD hath avouched 18
thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee,
and that *thou* shouldest keep all his commandments; and to make 19
thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and
in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be an holy people
unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

AND Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people. 27
saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this
day. And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan 2
unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou
shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster:
and thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when 3
thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which
the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk
and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.
Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, *that* ye shall 4
set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount
Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster. And there shalt 5
thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones:
thou shalt not lift up *any* iron tool upon them. Thou shalt build 6
the altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt
offer burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God: and thou 7
shalt offer peace-offerings and shalt eat there, and rejoice before
the LORD thy God. And thou shalt write upon the stones all 8
the words of this law very plainly.

And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, 9
saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art be-
come the people of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt therefore 10
obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments
and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, 'These 11
shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are
come over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar,
and Joseph, and Benjamin: and these shall stand upon mount 13
Ebal to curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and
Naphtali. And the Levites shall speak, and say unto all the 14
men of Israel with a loud voice,

Cursed *be* the man that maketh *any* graven or molten image, 15
an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the
craftsman, and putteth *it* in a secret place. And all the people
shall answer and say, Amen. Cursed *be* he that setteth light by 16
his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.
'Cursed *be* he that removeth his neighbor's landmark. And all 17
the people shall say, Amen. Cursed *be* he that maketh the blind 18
to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen.
Cursed *be* he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger, father-
less, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. 'Cursed 20
be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth
his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. 'Cursed 21
be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people
shall say, Amen. Cursed *be* he that lieth with his sister, the 22

daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed *be* he that lieth with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen. 'Cursed *be* he that smiteth his neighbor secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed *be* he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. 'Cursed *be* he that confirmeth not *all* the words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Blessed shalt thou *be* in the city, and blessed shalt thou *be* in the field. Blessed shall *be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall *be* thy basket and thy store. Blessed shalt thou *be* when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou *be* when thou goest out. The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy store-houses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways. And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee. And the LORD shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail: and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do *them*: and thou shalt not go aside from any of the words which I command thee this day, *to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.*

But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: cursed shalt thou *be* in the city, and cursed shalt thou *be* in the field. 'Cursed shall *be* thy basket and thy store. 'Cursed shall *be* the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou *be* when

thou comest in, and cursed *shalt* thou *be* when thou goest out. The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation, and rebuke, 20
 in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wicked-
 ness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me. The LORD 21
 shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a 22
 fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. And thy heaven that 23
is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that *is* under thee *shall be* iron. The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder 24
 and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before 25
 thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the 26
 kingdoms of the earth. And thy carcass shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and no man shall fray *them* away. The LORD will smite thee with the botch 27
 of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. The LORD shall smite 28
 thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart: and thou shalt grope at noon-day, as the blind gropeth in dark- 29
 ness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore, and no man shall save *thee*. Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with 30
 her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. Thine ox *shall be* slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt 31
 not eat thereof: thine ass *shall be* violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep *shall be* given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue *them*. Thy sons and thy daughters *shall be* given unto another 32
 people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail *with longing* for them all the day long: and *there shall be* no might in thine hand. The fruit of thy land, and all thy labors, shall a nation which 33
 thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed alway: so that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine 34
 eyes which thou shalt see. The LORD shall smite thee in the 35
 knees, and in the legs, with a sore botch that cannot be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy head. The LORD 36
 shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known: and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. And thou 37
 shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations whither the LORD shall lead thee. Thou shalt carry 38
 much seed out into the field, and shalt gather *but* little in; for the locust shall consume it. Thou shalt plant vineyards, and 39
dress them, but shalt neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*: for the worms shall eat them. Thou shalt have olive 40

trees throughout all thy coasts, but thou shalt not anoint *thyself* with the oil; for thine olive shall cast *his fruit*. Thou shalt beget 41
sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity. All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the 42
locust consume. The stranger that *is* within thee shall get up 43
above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He 44
shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. Moreover all these curses 45
shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, all thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee; and they shall be upon thee 46
for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever. Because 47
thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all *things*; therefore 48
shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all *things*: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee.

The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the 49
end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand: a nation of fierce countenance, 50
which shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young: and he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit 51
of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee. And he shall besiege 52
thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee. And thou shalt eat the fruit of 53
thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee: *so that* 54
the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave: so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his 55
children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates. The tender and delicate woman 56
among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son and toward her daughter, and toward her young one that 57
cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates. If thou wilt not observe to do all the words 58
of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD; then 59

the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it. And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone. And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: in the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee. Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.

THESE *are* the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

AND Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them. Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; the great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot. Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God. And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them: and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manassch. Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your

captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with all*
the men of Israel, 'your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger 11
that *is* in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the
drawer of thy water: that thou shouldest enter into covenant 12
with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy
God maketh with thee this day: that he may establish thee to- 13
day for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a
God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy
fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Neither with you 14
only do I make this covenant and this oath: but with *him* that 15
standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also
with *him* that *is* not here with us this day: (for ye know how we 16
have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the
nations which ye passed by; and ye have seen their abomina- 17
tions, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which
were among them;) lest there should be among you man, or 18
woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day
from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these na-
tions: lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall
and wormwood: and it come to pass, when he heareth the words 19
of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall
have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to
add drunkenness to thirst: the LORD will not spare him, but 20
then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against
that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall
lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under
heaven. And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all 21
the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant
that are written in this book of the law: so that the generation 22
to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the
stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they
see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD
hath laid upon it; *and that* the whole land thereof *is* brimstone, 23
and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any
grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Go-
morrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his
anger, and in his wrath: even all nations shall say, Wherefore 24
hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the
heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they 25
have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers,
which he made with them when he brought them forth out of
the land of Egypt: for they went and served other gods, and 26
worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had
not given unto them: and the anger of the LORD was kindled 27
against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written
in this book: and the LORD rooted them out of their land in an- 28
ger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into
another land, as *it is* this day. The secret things *belong* unto the 29
LORD our God: but those *things which are revealed belong* unto
us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of
this law.

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come **30**
 upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before
 thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations,
 whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, 'and shalt return **2**
 unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to
 all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all
 thine heart, and with all thy soul; that then the LORD thy God **3**
 will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will
 return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD
 thy God hath scattered thee. If *any* of thine be driven out unto **4**
 the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy
 God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: and the **5**
 LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers
 possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good,
 and multiply thee above thy fathers. And the LORD thy God **6**
 will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love
 the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul,
 that thou mayest live. And the LORD thy God will put all these **7**
 curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which
 persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of **8**
 the LORD, and do all his commandments which I command thee
 this day. And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in **9**
 every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the
 fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good: for the
 LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over
 thy fathers: if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD **10**
 thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are
 written in this book of the law, *and* if thou turn unto the LORD
 thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is **11**
 not hidden from thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, **12**
 that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and
 bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither is it **13**
 beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the
 sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?
 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy **14**
 heart, that thou mayest do it.

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death **15**
 and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy **16**
 God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and
 his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multi-
 ply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither
 thou goest to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, so that **17**
 thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other
 gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye **18**
 shall surely perish, *and that ye shall not prolong your days upon*
the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it. I **19**
 call heaven and earth to record this day against you, *that* I have
 set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore
 choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: that thou **20**
 mayest love the LORD thy God, *and that thou mayest obey his*

voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

AND Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel. ' And **31**
he said unto them, I *am* an hundred and twenty years old this
day; I can no more go out and come in: also the LORD hath
said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. The LORD **3**
thy God, he will go over before thee, *and* he will destroy these
nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: *and*
Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath said.
And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, **4**
kings of the Amorites, and unto the land of them, whom he
destroyed. And the LORD shall give them up before your face, **5**
that ye may do unto them according unto all the commandments
which I have commanded you. Be strong and of a good **6**
courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy
God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor
forsake thee.

AND Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight **7**
of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou must go
with this people unto the land which the LORD hath sworn unto
their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit
it. And the LORD, he *it is* that doth go before thee; he will be **8**
with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not,
neither be dismayed.

AND Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests **9**
the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, and unto all the elders of Israel. And Moses commanded **10**
them, saying, At the end of *every* seven years, in the solemnity
of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 'when all Is- **11**
rael is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place
which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel
in their hearing. Gather the people together, men, and women, **12**
and children, and thy stranger that *is* within thy gates, that they
may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your
God, and observe to do all the words of this law: and *that* their **13**
children, which have not known *any thing*, may hear, and learn
to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither
ye go over Jordan to possess it.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach **14**
that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the
tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge.
And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the
tabernacle of the congregation. And the LORD appeared in **15**
the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud
stood over the door of the tabernacle. And the LORD said unto **16**
Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people
will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of
the land, whither they go *to be* among them, and will forsake me,
and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then **17**

my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware. Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel. And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong, and of a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

AND it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the LORD; and how much more after my death! Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

And Moses spake in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

32 Give ear, O ye Heavens, and I will speak:
And hear, O Earth, the words of my mouth.

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain,
My speech shall distil as the dew,
As the small rain upon the tender herb,
And as the showers upon the grass:

3 Because I will publish the name of the LORD:

Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect:
For all his ways are judgment:
A God of truth and without iniquity,
Just and right is he.

5 They have corrupted themselves.

Their spot is not the spot of his children:

They are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite the LORD, O foolish people and unwise?

Is not he thy father that hath bought thee?

Hath he not made thee, and established thee?

7 Remember the days of old,

Consider the years of many generations:

Ask thy father, and he will show thee;

Thy elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance,

- When he separated the sons of Adam,
He set the bounds of the people
According to the number of the children of Israel.
- 9 For the LORD'S portion is his people;
Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.
- 10 He found him in a desert land,
And in the waste howling wilderness;
He led him about, he instructed him,
He kept him as the apple of his eye.
- 11 As an eagle stirreth up her nest,
Floureth over her young, spreadeth abroad
her wings,
Taket them, beareth them on her wings:
12 So the LORD alone did lead him,
And there was no strange god with him.
- 13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth,
That he might eat the increase of the fields;
And he made him to suck honey out of the rock,
And oil out of the flinty rock;
- 14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep,
With fat of lambs, and rams of the breed
of Bashan,
And goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat;
And thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape.
- 15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked:
Thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick,
Thou art covered with fatness;
Then he forsook God which made him,
And lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.
- 16 They provoked him to jealousy with strange
gods,
With abominations provoked they him to anger.
- 17 They sacrificed unto devils, not to God;
To gods whom they knew not,
To new gods that came newly up,
Whom your fathers feared not.
- 18 Of the Rock that begat thee, thou art un-
mindful,
And hast forgotten God that formed thee.
- 19 And when the LORD saw it, he abhorred
them,
Because of the provoking of his sons, and
of his daughters.
- 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them,
I will see what their end shall be:
For they are a very froward generation,
Children in whom is no faith.
- 21 They have moved me to jealousy with that
which is not God:
They have provoked me to anger with their
vanities:
And I will move them to jealousy with
those which are not a people;
I will provoke them to anger with a fool-
ish nation.
- 22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger,
And shall burn unto the lowest hell,
And shall consume the earth with her in-
crease,
And set on fire the foundations of the
mountains.
- 23 I will heap mischiefs upon them;
I will spend mine arrows upon them.
- 24 They shall be burnt with hunger,
And devoured with burning heat,
And with bitter destruction:
I will also send the teeth of beasts upon
them,
With the poison of serpents of the dust.
- 25 The sword without, and terror within,
Shall destroy both the young man and the
virgin,
The suckling also with the man of grey
hairs.
- 26 I said, I would scatter them into corners,
I would make the remembrance of them
to cease from among men:
- 27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the
enemy,
Lest their adversaries should behave them-
selves strangely,
And lest they should say, Our hand is high,
And the LORD hath not done all this.
- 28 For they are a nation void of counsel,
Neither is there any understanding in
them.
- 29 O that they were wise,
That they understood this,
That they would consider their latter end!
- 30 How should one chase a thousand,
And two put ten thousand to flight,
Except their Rock had sold them,
And the LORD had shut them up?
- 31 For their rock is not as our Rock,
Even our enemies themselves being judges.
- 32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom,
And of the fields of Gomorrah:
Their grapes are grapes of gall, their clus-
ters are bitter:
- 33 Their wine is the poison of dragons,
And the cruel venom of asps.
- 34 Is not this laid up in store with me,
And sealed up among my treasures?
- 35 To me belongeth vengeance, and recom-
pense:
Their foot shall slide in due time:
For the day of their calamity is at hand,
And the things that shall come upon them
make haste.
- 36 For the Lord shall judge his people,
And repent himself for his servants,
When he seeth that their power is gone,
And there is none shut up, or left.
- 37 And he shall say, Where are their gods,
Their rock in whom they trusted,
- 38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices.
And drank the wine of their drink-offer-
ings?
Let them rise up and help you,
And be your protection.
- 39 See now that I, even I, am he,
And there is no god with me:
I kill, and I make alive;
I wound, and I heal:
Neither is there any that can deliver out of
my hand,
- 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven,
And say, I live for ever.
- 41 If I whet my glittering sword,
And mine hand take hold on judgment;
I will render vengeance to mine enemies,
And will reward them that hate me.
- 42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood,
And my sword shall devour flesh;
And that with the blood of the slain and of
the captives,
From the beginning of revenges upon the
enemy.
- 43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people:
For he will avenge the blood of his servants,
And will render vengeance to his adver-
saries,
And will be merciful unto his land, and to
his people.

And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun. And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: and he said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which ye shall command your children to observe to do, all the words of this law. For it is not a vain thing for you; because it is your life: and through this thing ye shall prolong *your* days in the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

AND the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, Get thee up into this mountain, Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: because ye trespassed against me among the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah-Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet thou shalt see the land before *thee*; but thou shalt not go thither unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

AND this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said,

The LORD came from Sinai,
And rose up from Seir unto them;
He shined forth from mount Paran,
And he came with ten thousands of saints:
From his right hand *went* a fiery law for them.

3 Yea, he loved the people:
All his saints are in thy hand;
And they sat down at thy feet;
Every one shall receive of thy words.

4 Moses commanded us a law,
Even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob.

5 And he was king in Jeshurun
When the heads of the people
And the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

6 Let REUBEN live, and not die;
And let *not* his men be few.

And this is the *blessing* of JUDAH: and he said,

Hear, LORD, the voice of JUDAH,
And bring him unto his people:
Let his hands be sufficient for him;
And be thou an help to him from his enemies.

And of LEVI he said,

Let thy Thummim and thy Urim be with
thy holy one,
Whom thou didst prove at Massah,
And with whom thou didst strive at the
waters of Meribah:

9 Who said unto his father, and to his mother,
I have not seen him:
Neither did he acknowledge his brethren,
nor knew his own children:
For they have observed thy word, and kept
thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judgments, and
Israel thy law:

They shall put incense before thee, and
whole burnt sacrifice upon thine altar.

11 Bless, LORD, his substance,
And accept the work of his hands:
Smite through the loins of them that rise
against him,
And of them that hate him, that they rise
not again.

And of BENJAMIN he said,

The beloved of the LORD shall dwell in safety by him;
And the LORD shall cover him all the day long,
And he shall dwell between his shoulders.

And of JOSEPH he said,

Blessed of the LORD be his land,
For the precious things of heaven, for the dew,
And for the deep that coucheth beneath,

- 14 And for the precious fruits *brought forth by the sun,*
And for the precious things put forth by the moon,
15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains,
And for the precious things of the lasting hills,
16 And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof,
And for the good-will of him that dwelt in the bush :
- Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph,
And upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren.
17 His glory is like the firstling of his bullock,
And his horns are like the horns of unicorns :
With them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth :
And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim,
And they are the thousands of Manasseh.

And of ZEBULUN he said,

18

- Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out ;
And, ISSACHAR, in thy tents.
19 They shall call the people unto the mountain ;
There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness :
For they shall suck of the abundance of the seas,
And of treasures hid in the sand.

And of GAD he said,

20

- Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad :
He dwelleth as a lion,
And teareth the arm with the crown of the head.
21 And he provided the first part for himself,
Because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, was he seated ;
And he came with the heads of the people,
He executed the justice of the LORD,
And his judgments with Israel.

And of DAN he said,

22

Dan is a lion's whelp :
He shall leap from Bashan.

And of NAPHTALI he said,

23

O Naphtali, satisfied with favor,
And full with the blessing of the LORD :
Possess thou the west and the south.

And of ASHER he said,

24

- Let Asher be blessed with children ;
Let him be acceptable to his brethren,
And let him dip his foot in oil.
25 Thy shoes shall be iron and brass ;
And as thy days, so shall thy strength be.
26 There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun,
Who rideth upon the heaven in thy help,
And in his excellency on the sky.
27 The eternal God is thy refuge,
And underneath are the everlasting arms :
And he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee ;
And shall say, Destroy them,
- 28 Israel then shall dwell in safety alone :
The fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine ;
Also his heavens shall drop down dew.
29 Happy art thou, O Israel :
Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD,
The shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency :
And thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee ;
And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

AND Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mountain of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over-against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim, and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the utmost sea, and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. And the LORD said unto him, 'This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed : I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither.

So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD. And he buried

him in a valley in the land of Moab, over-against Beth peor: but
no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. And Moses 7
was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye
was not dim, nor his natural force abated. And the children of 8
Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the
days of weeping *and* mourning for Moses were ended.

And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; 9
for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of
Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded
Moses.

And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, 10
whom the LORD knew face to face, in all the signs and the 11
wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt,
to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 'and in 12
all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses
showed in the sight of all Israel.

THE BOOK OF JOSHUA.

NOW after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, it 1
came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun,
Moses' minister, saying, 'Moses my servant is dead; now there- 2
fore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the
land which I do give to them, *even* to the children of Israel.
Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have 3
I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness 4
and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates,
all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the
going down of the sun, shall be your coast. There shall not any 5
man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I
was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor
forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this 6
people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I
sware unto their fathers to give them. Only be thou strong and 7
very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all
the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not
from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, that thou mayest prosper
whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart 8
out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night,
that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written
therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then
thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? 9
Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou
dismayed: for the LORD thy God *is* with thee whithersoever
thou goest.

Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 10
Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare 11
you victuals; for within three days ye shall pass over this Jordan,

to go in to possess the land, which the LORD your God giveth
 you to possess it. And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and 12
 to half the tribe of Manassah, spake Joshua, saying, Remember 13
 the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded
 you, saying, 'The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath
 given you this land. Your wives, your little ones, and your 14
 cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this
 side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all
 the mighty men of valor, and help them: until the LORD have 15
 given your brethren rest, as *he hath given* you, and they also have
 possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then
 ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it,
 which Moses the LORD'S servant gave you on this side Jordan
 toward the sun-rising. And they answered Joshua, saying, All 16
 that thou commandest us we will do, and whithersoever thou
 sendest us, we will go. According as we hearkened unto Moses 17
 in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the LORD thy
 God be with thee, as he was with Moses. *Whosoever he be* that 18
 doth rebel against thy commandment, and will not hearken unto
 thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to
 death: only be strong and of a good courage.

AND Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men 2
 to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And
 they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and
 lodged there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Be- 2
 hold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Israel
 to search out the country. And the king of Jericho sent unto 3
 Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which
 are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all
 the country. And the woman took the two men, and hid them, 4
 and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence
 they *were*: and it came to pass *about the time* of shutting of the gate, 5
 when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went
 I wot not: pursue after them quickly: for ye shall overtake
 them: But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, 6
 and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order
 upon the roof. And the men pursued after them the way to 7
 Jordan unto the fords, and as soon as they which pursued after
 them were gone out, they shut the gate. And before they were 8
 laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof: and she said 9
 unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land,
 and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants
 of the land faint because of you. For we have heard how the 10
 LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came
 out of Egypt; and what he did unto the two kings of the Amo-
 rites, that *were* on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye
 utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard *these things*, 11
 our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage
 in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God
 in heaven above, and in earth beneath. Now therefore, I pray 12
 you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have showed you

kindness, that ye will also show kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token, *'and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.* And the men answered her, Our life for your's, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee. Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house *was* upon the town-wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way. And the men said unto her, *We will be blameless of this thine oath which thou hast made us swear.* Behold, *when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by;* and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee. And it shall be, *that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood shall be on our head, if any hand be upon him.* And if thou utter this our business, then we will be quit of thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. And she said, According unto your words, so *be* it. And she sent them away, and they departed: and she bound the scarlet line in the window.

AND they went, and came unto the mountain, and abode there three days, until the pursuers were returned: and the pursuers sought *them* throughout all the way, but found *them* not. So the two men returned, and descended from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and told him all *things* that befell them: and they said unto Joshua, Truly the LORD hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us.

AND Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the host; and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to-morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

AND Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people. And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was

with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command 8
 the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye
 are come to the brink of the water of Jordan, ye shall stand still
 in Jordan. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come 9
 hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God. And Joshua 10
 said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God *is* among you,
 and *that* he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites,
 and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites,
 and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites. Behold, 11
 the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth
 over before you into Jordan. Now therefore take you twelve 12
 men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man. And 13
 it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests
 that bear the ark of the LORD, the LORD of all the earth, shall
 rest in the waters of Jordan, *that* the waters of Jordan shall be
 cut off *from* the waters that come down from above; and they
 shall stand upon an heap.

AND it came to pass, when the people removed from their 14
 tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the
 covenant before the people; and as they that bare the ark were 15
 come unto Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark
 were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth
 all his banks all the time of harvest,) that the waters which came 16
 down from above stood *and* rose up upon an heap very far from
 the city Adam, *that is* beside Zaretan: and those that came down
 toward the sea of the plain, *even* the salt sea, failed, *and* were cut
 off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the 17
 priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm
 on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed
 over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over
 Jordan.

AND it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed 4
 over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Take 2
 you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, 'and 3
 command ye them, saying, 'Take you hence out of the midst of
 Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, twelve
 stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them 4
 in the lodging-place, where ye shall lodge this night. Then
 Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the 5
 children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: and Joshua said
 unto them, Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into
 the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone
 upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of
 the children of Israel: that this may be a sign among you, *that* 6
 when your children ask *their fathers* in time to come, saying,
 What *mean* ye by these stones? Then ye shall answer them, 7
 That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the
 covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters
 of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial
 unto the children of Israel for ever. And the children of Israel
 did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of

the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. 9

FOR the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: about forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho. On that day the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying, Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan. Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of Jordan. And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, as *they did* before. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

AND the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, in the east border of Jericho. And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What *mean* these stones? Then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever. 19 20 21 22 23 24

AND it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was their spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. 5

AT that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the 2 3

children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. And this is the 4
 cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out
 of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the
 wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all 5
 the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people
that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth
 out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised. For the children 6
 of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people
that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed,
 because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom
 the LORD sware that he would not show them the land, which
 the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land 7
 that floweth with milk and honey. And their children, *whom*
 he raised up in their stead, *them* Joshua circumcised: for they
 were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by
 the way. And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising 8
 all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till
 they were whole. And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day 9
 have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Where-
 fore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the 10
 passover on the fourteenth day of the month at even in the plains
 of Jericho. And they did eat of the old corn of the land on the 11
 morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes, and parched *corn*
 in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow 12
 after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the
 children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit
 of the land of Canaan that year.

AND it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he 13
 lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over-
 against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went
 unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adver-
 saries? And he said, Nay; but *as* captain of the host of the 14
 LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth,
 and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto
 his servant? And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto 15
 Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon
 thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so. 'Now Jericho was 6
 straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went
 out, and none came in. And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, 2
 I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, *and*
 the mighty men of valor. And ye shall compass the city, all *ye* 3
 men of war, *and* go round about the city once. Thus shalt thou
 do six days. And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven 4
 trumpets of rams' horns: and the seventh day ye shall compass
 the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trum-
 pets. And it shall come to pass, that when they make a long 5
blast with the rams' horn, *and* when ye hear the sound of the
 trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the
 wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall ascend
 up every man straight before him.

And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto 6
 them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests
 bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD.
 And he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and 7
 let him that is armed pass on before the ark of the LORD. And 8
 it came to pass, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, that
 the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns
 passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets: and
 the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. And the 9
 armed men went before the priests that blew with the trumpets,
 and the rereward came after the ark, *the priests* going on, and
 blowing with the trumpets. And Joshua had commanded the 10
 people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor make any noise with your
 voice, neither shall *any* word proceed out of your mouth, until
 the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. So the ark of the 11
 LORD compassed the city, going about *it* once: and they came
 into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up 12
 the ark of the LORD. And seven priests bearing seven trum- 13
 pets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on contin-
 ually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went
 before them: but the rereward came after the ark of the LORD,
the priests going on, and blowing with the trumpets. And the 14
 second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the
 camp: so they did six days.

And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early 15
 about the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the
 same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the
 city seven times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when 16
 the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people,
 Shout; for the LORD hath given you the city. And the city 17
 shall be accursed, *even* it, and all that *are* therein, to the LORD:
 only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that *are* with her
 in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And 18
 ye, in any wise keep *yourselves* from the accursed thing, lest ye
 make *yourselves* accursed, when ye take of the accursed thing,
 and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the 19
 silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, *are* consecrated
 unto the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD.
 So the people shouted when *the priests* blew with the trumpets: 20
 and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the
 trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall
 fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every
 man straight before him, and they took the city. And they ut- 21
 terly destroyed all that *was* in the city, both man and woman,
 young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the
 sword. But Joshua had said unto the two men that had spied out 22
 the country, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the
 woman, and all that she hath, as ye sware unto her. And the 23
 young men that were spies went in, and brought out Rahab,
 and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that

she had; and they brought out all her kindred, and left them without the camp of Israel. And they burnt the city with fire, 24 and all that *was* therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, 25 and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel *even* unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

AND Joshua adjured *them* at that time, saying, Cursed *be* the 26 man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: he shall lay the foundation thereof in his first-born, and in his youngest *son* shall he set up the gates of it. So the LORD 27 was with Joshua: and his fame was *noised* throughout all the country.

BUT the children of Israel committed a trespass in the ac- 7 cursed thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel.

And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which *is* beside Beth- 2 aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and view the country. And the men went up and viewed Ai. And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not 3 all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; *and* make not all the people to labor thither; for they *are but* few. So there went up thither of the people 4 about three thousand men: and they fled before the men of Ai. And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty-and-six men: for 5 they chased them *from* before the gate *even* unto Shebarim, and smote them in the going down: wherefore the hearts of the people 6 melted, and became as water. And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD 7 until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. And Joshua said, Alas, O LORD God, wherefore 7 hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? would to God we had been content, and dwelt on the other side Jordan! O LORD, 8 what shall I say, when Israel turneth their backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites, and all the inhabitants of the land, 9 shall hear *of it*, and shall environ us round, and cut off our name from the earth; and what wilt thou do unto thy great name?

AND the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up? wherefore 10 liest thou thus upon thy face? Israel hath sinned, and they have 11 also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them; for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put *it* even among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before 12 their enemies, *but* turned *their* backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. Up, sanctify the 13 people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow: for thus

saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.* In the 14 morning therefore ye shall be brought according to your tribes: and it shall be, *that the tribe which the LORD taketh shall come according to the families thereof; and the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households; and the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man.* And it 15 shall be, *that he that is taken with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the LORD, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.*

So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel 16 by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: and he brought 17 the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zarahites: and he brought the family of the Zarahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: and he brought his household man by man; and 18 Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. And Joshua said unto Achan, 19 My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, 20 Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and thus and thus have I done: when I saw among the spoils a goodly 21 Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they *are* hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver under it. So Joshua sent messengers, 22 and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, *it was* hid in his tent, and the silver under it. And they took them out of the midst 23 of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD. And Joshua, 24 and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor. And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? 25 the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great 26 heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called The valley of Achor, unto this day.

AND the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou 8 dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land: and thou shalt do to Ai and 2 her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves; lay thee an ambush for the city behind it. So Joshua 3 arose, and all the people of war, to go up against Ai: and Joshua

chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night. And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, *even* behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: and I, and all the people that *are* with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them, '(for they will come out after us,) till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: therefore we will flee before them. Then ye shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city: for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. And it shall be, when ye have taken the city, *that* ye shall set the city on fire: according to the commandment of the LORD shall ye do. See, I have commanded you. Joshua therefore sent them forth: and they went to lie in ambush, and abode between Bethel and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people. And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. And all the people, *even the people* of war that *were* with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now *there was* a valley between them and Ai. And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city. And when they had set the people, *even* all the host that *was* on the north of the city, and their liers in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw *it*, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at a time appointed, before the plain; but he wist not that *there were* liers in ambush against him behind the city. And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. And all the people that *were* in Ai were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel; and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that *is* in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thy hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that *he had* in his hand toward the city. And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand: and they entered into the city, and took it, and hasted and set the city on fire. And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. And the other issued out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that

side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them remain
 or escape. And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him 23
 to Joshua. And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end 24
 of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness
 wherein they chased them, and when they were all fallen on the
 edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all the Israel-
 ites returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword.
 And so it was, *that* all that fell that day, both of men and women, 25
were twelve thousand, *even* all the men of Ai. For Joshua drew 26
 not his hand back, wherewith he stretched out the spear, until
 he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. Only the cattle 27
 and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves,
 according unto the word of the LORD which he commanded
 Joshua. And Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an heap for ever, 28
even a desolation unto this day. And the king of Ai he hanged 29
 on a tree until eventide: and as soon as the sun was down,
 Joshua commanded that they should take his carcass down
 from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city,
 and raise thereon a great heap of stones, *that remaineth* unto this
 day.

THEN Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel 30
 in mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded 31
 the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of
 Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up
any iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the
 LORD, and sacrificed peace-offerings. And he wrote there upon 32
 the stone a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the
 presence of the children of Israel. And all Israel, and their 33
 elders, and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark
 and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the
 ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger, as he
 that was born among them; half of them over-against mount
 Gerizim, and half of them over-against mount Ebal; as Moses
 the servant of the LORD had commanded before, that they should
 bless the people of Israel. And afterward he read all the words 34
 of the law, the blessings and cursings, according to all that is
 written in the book of the law. There was not a word of all 35
 that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the
 congregation of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and
 the strangers that were conversant among them.

AND it came to pass, when all the kings which *were* on this 9
 side Jordan, in the hills, and in the valleys, and in all the coasts
 of the great sea over-against Lebanon, the Hittite, and the
 Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebu-
 site, heard *thereof*; that they gathered themselves together, to 2
 fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

AND when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had 3
 done unto Jericho and to Ai, 'they did work wilily, and went 4
 and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks
 upon their asses, and wine bottles, old, and rent, and bound up;
 and old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments 5

upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry *and* 6
mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and 6
said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We be come from a far 7
country: now therefore make ye a league with us. And the 7
men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell 8
among us; and how shall we make a league with you; 'and 8
they said unto Joshua, We *are* thy servants. And Joshua said 9
unto them, who *are* ye? and from whence come ye? And they 9
said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come,
because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard 10
the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 'and all that he 10
did to the two kings of the Amorites, that *were* beyond Jordan,
to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, which *was* 11
at Ashtaroth. Wherefore our elders and all the inhabitants of 11
our country spake to us, saying, Take victuals with you for the
journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We *are* your 12
servants: therefore now make ye a league with us. This our 12
bread we took hot *for* our provision out of our houses on the
day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, 13
and it is mouldy: and these bottles of wine, which we filled, 13
were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments
and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey.
And the men took of their victuals, and asked not *counsel* at the 14
mouth of the LORD. And Joshua made peace with them, and 15
made a league with them, to let them live: and the princes of
the congregation sware unto them. And it came to pass at the 16
end of three days after they had made a league with them, that
they heard that they *were* their neighbors, and *that* they dwelt 17
among them. And the children of Israel journeyed, and came 17
unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities *were* Gibeon,
and Chephirah, and Beroth, and Kirjath-jearim. And the chil- 18
dren of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the con-
gregation had sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel.
And all the congregation murmured against the princes. 'But 19
all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn
unto them by the LORD God of Israel: now therefore we may
not touch them. This we will do to them; we will even let 20
them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we
sware unto them. And the princes said unto them, Let them 21
live; but let them be hewers of wood and drawers of water unto
all the congregation; as the princes had promised them. And 22
Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Where-
fore have ye beguiled us, saying, We *are* very far from you;
when ye dwell among us? Now therefore ye *are* cursed, and 23
there shall none of you be freed from being bondmen, and hewers
of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God. And 24
they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told
thy servants how that the LORD thy God commanded his ser-
vant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhab-
itants of the land from before you, therefore we were sore afraid
of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. And 25

now, behold, we *are* in thine hand : as it seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

NOW it came to pass, when Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; that they feared greatly, because Gibeon *was* a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it *was* greater than Ai, and all the men thereof *were* mighty. Wherefore Adoni-zedec king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon; for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it.

And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Beth-horon, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: *they were* more which died with hailstones than *they* whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel,

Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon;
And thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. *Is not this written in the book of Jasher?* So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD heark-

ened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in a cave at Makkedah. And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found hid in a cave at Makkedah. And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep them: and stay ye not, *but* pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the LORD your God hath delivered them into your hand. And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, that the rest *which* remained of them entered into fenced cities. And all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel. Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom ye fight. And afterward Joshua smote them, and slew them, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, *that* Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had been hid, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

AND that day Joshua took Makkedah, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof he utterly destroyed, them, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he did unto the king of Jericho.

THEN Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: and the LORD delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein; he let none remain in it; but did unto the king thereof as he did unto the king of Jericho.

AND Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it; and the LORD delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, which took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that *were* therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

THEN Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and 33
Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none
remaining.

AND from Lachish Joshua passed unto Eglon, and all Israel 34
with him; and they encamped against it, and fought against it:
and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the 35
sword, and all the souls that *were* therein he utterly destroyed
that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

AND Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, 36
unto Hebron; and they fought against it; 'and they took it, and 37
smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all
the cities thereof, and all the souls that *were* therein; he left
none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but
destroyed it utterly, and all the souls that *were* therein.

AND Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and 38
fought against it: and he took it, and the king thereof, and all 39
the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the
sword, and utterly destroyed all the souls that *were* therein; he
left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to
Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah,
and to her king.

So Joshua smote all the country of the hills, and of the south, 40
and of the vale, and of the springs, and all their kings: he left
none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the
LORD God of Israel commanded. And Joshua smote them from 41
Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen,
even unto Gibeon. And all these kings and their land did 42
Joshua take at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought
for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto 43
the camp to Gilgal.

AND it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor had heard 11
those things, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and to the
king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 'and to the kings 2
that *were* on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south
of Cinneroth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Der on
the west, *and to* the Canaanite on the east and on the west, 3
and to the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the
Jebusite in the mountains, and *to* the Hivite under Hermon in
the land of Mispheh. And they went out, they and all their hosts 4
with them, much people, even as the sand that *is* upon the sea-
shore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. And 5
when all these kings were met together, they came and pitched
together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel.

AND the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of 5
them: for to-morrow about this time will I deliver them up all
slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their
chariots with fire. So Joshua came, and all the people of war 7
with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and
they fell upon them. And the LORD delivered them into the 8
hand of Israel, who smote them, and chased them unto great
Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mispheh

eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. And Joshua did unto them as the LORD bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire. And Joshua at that time turned back, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, utterly destroying them: there was not any left to breathe: and he burnt Hazor with fire. And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and smote them with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. But as for the cities that stood still in their strength, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn. And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any to breathe. As the LORD commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua; he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses.

So Joshua took all that land, the hills, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same; even from the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and slew them. Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: all other they took in battle. For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts, that they should come against Israel in battle, that he might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses. And at that time came Joshua, and cut off the Anakims from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel: Joshua destroyed them utterly with their cities. There was none of the Anakims left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained. So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD said unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

NOW these are the kings of the land, which the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the plain on the east: Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is upon the bank of the river Arnon, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon; and from the plain to the sea of Cinneroth on the east, and unto the sea of the plain,

even the salt sea on the east, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and from the south, under Ashdoth-pisgah; and the coast of Og king of Bashan, *which was* of the remnant of the giants, that dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 'and reigned in mount Hermon, and in Salcah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites, and the Maachathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. They did Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel smite: and Moses, the servant of the LORD, gave it *for* a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

AND these *are* the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto the mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel *for* a possession according to their divisions; in the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country; the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one; 'the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 'the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; 'the king of Eglon, one; the king of Gezer, one; 'the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 'the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; 'the king of Libnah, one; the king of Adullam, one; 'the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one; 'the king of Tappuah, one; the king of Hephher, one; 'the king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; 'the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one; 'the king of Shimron-meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 'the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 'the king of Kedesh, one; the king of Jokneam of Carmel, one; the king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gilgal, one; 'the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-and-one.

NOW Joshua was old *and* stricken in years; and the LORD said unto him, Thou art old *and* stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. This *is* the land that yet remaineth: all the borders of the Philistines, and all Geshuri, 'from Sihor, which *is* before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ekron northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite: five lords of the Philistines; the Gazathites, and the Ashdothites, the Eshkalonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; also the Avites: from the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that is beside the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the borders of the Amorites: and the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the sun-rising, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering into Hamath. All the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, *and* all the Sidonians, them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only divide thou by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh. With whom

the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, *even* as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them;

FROM Aroer, that *is* upon the bank of the river Arnon, and 9
the city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain of
Medeba unto Dibon; and all the cities of Sihon king of the 10
Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the border of the
children of Ammon; and Gilead, and the border of the Geshur- 11
ites and Maachathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan
unto Salcah; all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in 12
Ashtaroth and in Edrei, who remained of the remnant of the
giants: for these did Moses smite, and cast them out. Never- 13
theless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites, nor
the Maachathites: but the Geshurites and the Maachathites
dwell among the Israelites until this day. Only unto the tribe 14
of Levi he gave none inheritance; the sacrifices of the LORD
God of Israel made by fire *are* their inheritance, as he said unto
them. And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reu- 15
ben *inheritance* according to their families. And their coast 16
was from Aroer, that *is* on the bank of the river Arnon, and the
city that *is* in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Me-
deba; 'Heshbon, and all her cities that *are* in the plain; Dibon, 17
and Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon, 'and Jahaza, and Kede- 18
moth, and Mephaath, 'and Kirjathaim, and Sibmah, and Zareth- 19
shahar in the mount of the valley, 'and Beth-peor, and Ashdoh- 20
pishgah, and Beth-jeshimoth, 'and all the cities of the plain, and 21
all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned
in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi,
and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, *which were dukes of*
Sihon, dwelling in the country. Balaam also the son of Beor, 22
the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword,
among them that were slain by them. And the border of the 23
children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border *thereof*. This
was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families,
the cities and the villages thereof. And Moses gave *inheritance* 24
unto the tribe of Gad, *even* unto the children of Gad, according
to their families. And their coast was Jazer, and all the cities 25
of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto
Aroer that *is* before Rabbah; and from Heshbon unto Ramath- 26
mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the border of
Debir; and in the valley, Beth-aram, and Beth-nimrah, and Suc- 27
coth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Hesh-
bon, Jordan and *his* border, *even* unto the edge of the sea of
Cinneroth on the other side Jordan eastward. This *is* the in- 28
heritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities,
and their villages. And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the half 29
tribe of Manasseh: and *this was the possession of* the half tribe
of the children of Manasseh by their families. And their coast 30
was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of
Bashan, and all the towns of Jair, which *are* in Bashan, three-
score cities: and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, cities of 31

the kingdom of Og in Bashan, *were pertaining* unto the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, *even* to the one half of the children of Machir by their families. *These are the countries* which Moses did distribute for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan by Jericho, eastward. But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not *any* inheritance: the LORD God of Israel *was* their inheritance, as he said unto them.

AND *these are the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance to them. By lot *was* their inheritance, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and *for* the half tribe. For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and an half tribe on the other side Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them. For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: therefore they gave no part unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell *in*, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

THEN the children of Judah came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea. Forty years old *was* I when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh-barnea to espy out the land; and I brought him word again as *it was* in mine heart. Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God. And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance, and thy children's for ever, because thou hast wholly followed the LORD my God. And now, behold the LORD hath kept me alive, as he said, these forty-and-five years, even since the LORD spake this word unto Moses, while *the children of* Israel wandered in the wilderness: and now, lo, *I am* this day fourscore and five years old. As yet *I am* as strong this day as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength *was* then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out, and to come in. Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the LORD spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims *were* there, and *that* the cities *were* great and fenced: if so be the LORD *will be* with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh Hebron for an inheritance. Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the LORD God of Israel. And the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba: *which Arba was* a great man among the Anakims. And the land had rest from war.

THIS then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families; *even* to the border of Edom the wilderness of

Zin southward *was* the uttermost part of the south coast. And 2
 their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the 3
 bay that looketh southward: and it went out to the south side
 to Maaleh-acrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up
 on the south side unto Kadesh-barnea, and passed along to Hez-
 ron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karkaa: 4
from thence it passed toward Azmon, and went out unto the
 river of Egypt; and the goings out of that coast were at the sea:
 this shall be your south coast.

AND the east border *was* the salt sea, *even* unto the end of 5
 Jordan. And *their* border in the north quarter *was* from the bay
 of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan: and the border went 6
 up to Beth-hogla, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah;
 and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reu-
 ben: and the border went up toward Debir from the valley of 7
 Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that *is* before
 the going up to Adummim, which *is* on the south side of the
 river: and the border passed toward the waters of En-shemesh,
 and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel: and the border 8
 went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side
 of the Jebusite; the same *is* Jerusalem: and the border went
 up to the top of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of Hin-
 nom westward, which *is* at the end of the valley of the giants
 northward: and the border was drawn from the top of the hill 9
 unto the fountain of the water of Nephtoah, and went out to the
 cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baalah,
 which *is* Kirjath-jearim: and the border compassed from Baalah 10
 westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of
 mount Jearim, which *is* Chesalon, on the north side, and went
 down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah: and the bor- 11
 der went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border
 was drawn to Shicron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and
 went out unto Jabneel; and the goings out of the border were at
 the sea. And the west border *was* to the great sea, and the coast 12
thereof. This *is* the coast of the children of Judah round about,
 according to their families.

AND unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a part among 13
 the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the
 LORD to Joshua, *even* the city of Arba the father of Anak, which
 city *is* Hebron. And Caleb drove thence the three sons of Anak, 14
 Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak. And 15
 he went up thence to the inhabitants of Debir: and the name of
 Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher. And Caleb said, He that 16
 smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah
 my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother 17
 of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife.
 And it came to pass, as she came *unto him*, that she moved him 18
 to ask of her father a field: and she lighted off *her* ass: and
 Caleb said unto her, What wouldest thou? Who answered, Give 19
 me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me

also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs.

THIS is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families. And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, 'and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 'and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan, 'Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 'and Hazor, Hadattah, and Kerioth, and Hezron, which is Hazor, 'Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 'and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-palet, 'and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizjiothjah, 'Baalah, and Iim, and Azem, 'and Eltolad, and Chesil, and Ilormah, 'and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 'and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty-and-nine, with their villages: and in the valley, Eshtaol, and Zoreah, and Ashnah, 'and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, 'Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and Azekah, 'and Sharaim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages: 'Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdalgad, 'and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 'Lachish, and Bozkath, and Egion, 'and Cabbon, and Lahmam, and Kithlish, 'and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naahmah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages: 'Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan, 'and Jiphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 'and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah; nine cities with their villages: 'Ekron, with her towns and her villages: 'from Ekron even unto the sea, all that lay near Ashdod, with their villages: Ashdod with her towns and her villages, Gaza with her towns and her villages, unto the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof: and in the mountains, Shamir, and Jattir, and Socoh, 'and Dannah, and Kirjath-sannah, which is Debir, 'and Anab, and Eshtemoah, and Anim, 'and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages: Arab, and Dumah, and Eshean, 'and Janum, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, 'and Humtah, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, and Zior: nine cities with their villages: 'Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Juttah, 'and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, 'Gaim, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities with their villages: Halhul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, 'and Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon; six cities with their villages: Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, and Rabbah; two cities with their villages: in the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Middin, and Secacah, 'and Nibshan, and the city of Salt, and Engedi; six cities with their villages. As for the Jebusites the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

AND the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, unto the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho throughout mount Beth-el, and goeth out from Beth-el to Luz, and passeth along unto the borders of Archi to Ataroth, and goeth down westward to the coast of

Japhleti, unto the coast of Beth-horon the nether, and to Gêzer : and the goings out thereof are at the sea.

So the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance. And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was *thus* : even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper ; and the border went out toward the sea to Michmethah on the north side ; and the border went about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed by it on the east to Janohah ; and it went down from Janohah to Ataroth, and to Naarath, and came to Jericho, and went out at Jordan. The border went out from Tappuah westward unto the river Kanah ; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim, by their families. And the separate cities for the children of Ephraim were among the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. And they drave not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer : but the Canaanites dwell among the Ephraimites unto this day, and serve under tribute.

THERE was also a lot for the tribe of Manasseh ; for he was the first-born of Joseph ; *to wit*, for Machir the first-born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead : because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Manasseh by their families ; for the children of Abiezer, and for the children of Helek, and for the children of Asriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Hephher, and for the children of Shemida : these were the male children of Manasseh the son of Joseph by their families. But Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters : and these are the names of his daughters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. And they came near before Eleazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. And there fell ten portions to Manasseh, beside the land of Gilead and Bashan, which were on the other side Jordan ; because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons : and the rest of Manasseh's sons had the land of Gilead. And the coast of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethah, that lieth before Shechem ; and the border went along on the right hand unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. Now Manasseh had the land of Tappuah : but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim ; and the coast descended unto the river Kanah, southward of the river : these cities of Ephraim are among the cities of Manasseh : the coast of Manasseh also was on the north side of the river, and the outgoings of it were at the sea : southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea is his border ; and they met together in Asher on the north, and in

Issachar on the east. And Manasseh had in Issachar and in 11
 Asher, Beth-shean and her towns, and Ibleam and her towns,
 and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of
 En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her
 towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns, *even* three
 countries. Yet the children of Mannasseh could not drive out *the* 12
inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in
 that land. Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were 13
 waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute; but did
 not utterly drive them out.

AND the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why 14
 hast thou given me *but* one lot and one portion to inherit, seeing
 I *am* a great people, forasmuch as the LORD hath blessed me
 hitherto? And Joshua answered them, If thou *be* a great people, 15
then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down for thyself
 there in the land of the Perizzites and of the giants, if mount
 Ephraim be too narrow for thee. And the children of Joseph 16
 said, The hill is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that
 dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *both they*
who are of Beth-shean and her towns, and *they who are* of the
 valley of Jezreel. And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, 17
even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou *art* a great
 people, and hast great power: thou shalt not have one lot *only*:
 but the mountain shall be thine; for it *is* a wood, and thou shalt 18
 cut it down: and the outgoings of it shall be thine: for thou shalt
 drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, *and*
 though they *be* strong.

AND the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled 18
 together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation
 there. And the land was subdued before them.

AND there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, 2
 which had not yet received their inheritance. And Joshua said 3
 unto the children of Israel, How long *are* ye slack to go to
 possess the land, which the LORD God of your fathers hath
 given you? Give out from among you three men for *each* tribe: 4
 and I will send them, and they shall rise, and go through the
 land, and describe it according to the inheritance of them; and
 they shall come *again* to me. And they shall divide it into seven 5
 parts: Judah shall abide in their coast on the south, and the
 house of Joseph shall abide in their coasts on the north. Ye shall 6
 therefore describe the land *into* seven parts, and bring *the de-*
scription hither to me, that I may cast lots for you here before
 the LORD our God. But the Levites have no part among you; 7
 for the priesthood of the LORD *is* their inheritance: and Gad,
 and Reuben, and half the tribe of Manasseh, have received their
 inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant
 of the LORD gave them. And the men arose, and went away: 8
 and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying,
 Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again
 to me, that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in
 Shiloh. And the men went and passed through the land, and 9

described it by cities into seven parts in a book, and came *again* to Joshua to the host at Shiloh. And Joshua cast lots for them 10 in Shiloh before the LORD: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.

AND the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came 11 up according to their families: and the coast of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. And their border on the north side was from Jordan; and the 12 border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. And the border went 13 over from thence toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Beth-el, southward; and the border descended to Ataroth-adar, near the hill that *lieth* on the south side of the nether Beth-horon. And the border was drawn *thence*, and compassed the corner of 14 the sea southward, from the hill that *lieth* before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kirjath-baal, which is Kirjath-jearim, a city of the children of Judah: this *was* the west quarter. And the south quarter *was* from the end 15 of Kirjath-jearim, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nephtoah: and the border 16 came down to the end of the mountain that *lieth* before the valley of the son of Hinnom, *and* which is in the valley of the giants on the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of Jebusi on the south, and descended to En-rogel, *'and* 17 was drawn from the north, and went forth to En-shemesh, and went forth toward Geliloth, which is over-against the going up of Adummim, and descended to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben, and passed along toward the side over-against Arabah 18 northward, and went down unto Arabah: and the border passed 19 along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the outgoings of the border were at the north bay of the salt sea at the south end of Jordan: this *was* the south coast. And Jordan was the 20 border of it on the east side. This *was* the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the coasts thereof round about, according to their families.

Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and the valley of Keziz, *'and* Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Beth-el, 22 *'and* Avim, and Parah, and Ophrah, *'and* Chephar-haammonai, 23 and Ophni, and Gaba; twelve cities with their villages: Gibeon, 25 and Ramah, and Beeroth, *'and* Mizpeh, and Chephirah, and 26 Mozah, *'and* Rekem, and Irpeel, and Taralah, *'and* Zelah, Eleph, 27 and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gibeath, *and* Kirjath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

AND the second lot came forth to Simeon, *even* for the tribe of 19 the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. And they had in their inheritance Beer-sheba, Sheba, and Mol- 2 adah, *'and* Hazar-shual, and Balah, and Azem, *'and* Eltolad, and 3,4

Bethul, and Hormah, 'and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and 5
 Hazar-susah, 'and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhem; thirteen cities 6
 and their villages: Ain, Remmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four 7
 cities and their villages: and all the villages that *were* round 8
 about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramath of the south. This is
 the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according
 to their families. Out of the portion of the children of Judah 9
was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the part of
 the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the
 children of Simeon had their inheritance within the inheritance
 of them.

AND the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun ac- 10
 cording to their families: and the border of their inheritance
 was unto Sarid: and their border went up toward 'the sea, and 11
 Maralah, and reached to Dabbasheth, and reached to the river
 that is before Jokneam; and turned from Sarid eastward toward 12
 the sun-rising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor, and then goeth
 out to Daberath and goeth up to Japhia, and from thence passeth 13
 on along on the east to Gittah-hepher, to Ittah-kazin, and goeth
 out to Remmon-methoar to Neah; and the border compasseth it 14
 on the north side to Hannathon: and the outgoings thereof are
 in the valley of Jiphtah-el: and Kattath, and Nahallal, and 15
 Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their
 villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun ac- 16
 cording to their families, these cities with their villages.

AND the fourth lot came out to Issachar, for the children of 17
 Issachar according to their families. And their border was to- 18
 ward Jezreel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, 'and Haphraim, and 19
 Shihon, and Anaharath, 'and Rabbith, and Kishion, and Abez, 20
 'and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez; 21
 and the coast reacheth to Tabor, and Shahazimah, and Beth- 22
 shemesh; and the outgoings of their border were at Jordan: six-
 teen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the 23
 tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the
 cities and their villages.

AND the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of 24
 Asher according to their families. And their border was Helkath, 25
 and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 'and Alammelech, and 26
 Amad, and Misheal; and reacheth to Carmel westward, and to
 Shihor-libnath; and turneth toward the sun-rising to Beth-dagon, 27
 and reacheth to Zebulun, and to the valley of Jiphtah-el to-
 ward the north side of Beth-emek, and Neiel, and goeth out to
 Cabul on the left hand. And Hebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, 28
 and Kanah, *even* unto great Zidon; and *then* the coast turneth to 29
 Ramah, and to the strong city Tyre; and the coast turneth to
 Hosah; and the outgoings thereof are at the sea from the coast
 to Achzib: 'Ummah also, and Akhek, and Rehob: twenty-and- 30
 two cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the 31
 tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these
 cities with their villages.

THE sixth lot came out to the children of Naphtali, *even* for 32

the children of Naphtali, according to their families. And their 33
 coast was from Heleph, from Allon to Zaanannim, and Adami,
 Nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakum; and the outgoings thereof
 were at Jordan: and *then* the coast turneth westward to Aznoth- 34
 tabor, and goeth out from thence to Hakkok, and reacheth to
 Zebulun on the south side, and reacheth to Asher on the west
 side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sun-rising. And the 35
 fenced cities *are* Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Cin-
 neroth, ' and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazer, ' and Kedesh, and 36
 Edrei, and En-hazor, ' and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth- 38
 anath, and Beth-shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages.
 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali 39
 according to their families, the cities and their villages.

AND the seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of 40
 Dan according to their families. And the coast of their inher- 41
 itance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemesh, ' and Shaalabbin, 42
 and Ajalon, and Jethlah, ' and Elon, and Thimnathah, and Ek- 42
 ron, ' and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baalath, ' and Jehud, and 44
 Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon, ' and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, 46
 with the border before Japho. And the coast of the children of 47
 Dan went out *too little* for them: therefore the children of Dan
 went up to fight against Leshem, and took it, and smote it with
 the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and
 called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father: this is 48
 the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to
 their families, these cities with their villages.

When they had made an end of dividing the land for inherit- 49
 ance by their coasts, the children of Israel gave an inheritance
 to Joshua the son of Nun among them: according to the word 50
 of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, *even* Tim-
 nath-serah in mount Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt
 therein.

THESE *are* the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and 51
 Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes
 of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in
 Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the
 congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

THE LORD also spake unto Joshua, saying, 'Speak to the 20
 children of Israel, saying, Appoint out for you cities of refuge,
 whereof I spake unto you by the hand of Moses; that the slayer 3
 that killeth *any* person unawares *and* unwittingly may flee thither:
 and they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. And 4
 when he that doth flee unto one of those cities shall stand at the
 entering of the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause in
 the ears of the elders of that city, they shall take him into the
 city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among
 them. And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they 5
 shall not deliver the slayer up into his hand: because he smote
 his neighbor unwittingly, and hated him not beforetime. And 6
 he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation
 for judgment, *and* until the death of the high-priest that shall be

in those days: then shall the slayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

AND they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in mount Naphtali, and Shechem in mount Ephraim, and Kirjath-arba, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. These were the cities appointed for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth *any* person at unawares might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

THEN came near the heads of the fathers of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs.

AND the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, *which were* of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. And the rest of the children of Kohath *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities. And the children of Gershon *had* by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. The children of Merari by their families *had* out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

AND they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are *here* mentioned by name, 'which the children of Aaron, *being* of the families of the Kohathites, *who were* of the children of Levi, had: for their's was the first lot. And they gave them the city of Arba the father of Anak, which *city is* Hebron, in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession. Thus they gave to the children of Aaron the priest Hebron with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and Libnah with her suburbs, 'and Jattir with her suburbs, and Eshtemoi with her suburbs, 'and Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her suburbs, 'and Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh

with her suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. And out 17
of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her suburbs, Geba with
her suburbs, 'Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with her 18
suburbs; four cities. All the cities of the children of Aaron, 19
the priests, *were* thirteen cities with their suburbs.

AND the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites which 20
remained of the children of Kohath, even they had the cities of
their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. For they gave them 21
Shechem with her suburbs in mount Ephraim, *to be* a city of
refuge for the slayer; and Gezer with her suburbs, 'and Kib- 22
zaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; four
cities. And out of the tribe of Dan, Eltekeh with her suburbs, 23
Gibbethon with her suburbs, 'Aijalon with her suburbs, Gath- 24
rimmon with her suburbs; four cities. And out of the half tribe 25
of Manasseh, Tanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with
her suburbs; two cities. All the cities *were* ten with their 26
suburbs for the families of the children of Kohath that remained.

AND unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Le- 27
vites, out of the *other* half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in
Bashan with her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer;
and Beesh-terah with her suburbs; two cities. And out of the 28
tribe of Issachar, Kishon with her suburbs, Dabareh with her
suburbs, 'Jarmuth with her suburbs, En-gannim with her 29
suburbs; four cities. And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal 30
with her suburbs, Abdon with her suburbs, 'Helkath with her 31
suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four cities. And out of the 32
tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, *to be* a city
of refuge for the slayer; and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs,
and Kartan with her suburbs: three cities. All the cities of 33
the Gershonites according to their families *were* thirteen cities
with their suburbs.

AND unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of 34
the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her
suburbs, and Kartah with her suburbs, 'Dimnah with her suburbs, 35
Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities. And out of the tribe of 36
Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahazah with her suburbs,
'Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs; 37
four cities. And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with 38
her suburbs, *to be* a city of refuge for the slayer; and Mahanaim
with her suburbs, 'Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her 39
suburbs; four cities in all. So all the cities for the children of 40
Merari by their families, which were remaining of the families
of the Levites, were *by* their lot twelve cities.

ALL the cities of the Levites within the possession of the chil- 41
dren of Israel *were* forty-and-eight cities with their suburbs.
These cities were every one with their suburbs round about 42
them: thus *were* all these cities.

AND the LORD gave unto Israel all the land which he sware 43
to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt
therein. And the LORD gave them rest round about, according 44
to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man

of all their enemies before them; the LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. There failed not aught of any good thing which the LORD had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass. 45

THEN Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, 'and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. And now the LORD your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them: therefore now return ye, and get you unto your tents, *and* unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan. But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul. So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents. Now to the *one* half of the tribe of Manasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan: but unto the *other* half thereof gave Joshua among their brethren on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also unto their tents, then he blessed them, 'and he spake unto them, saying, Return with much riches unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren. And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. 22

AND when they came unto the borders of Jordan, that *are* in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to. 2

AND the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar over-against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel. And when the children of Israel heard *of it*, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up to war against them. And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, 'and with him ten princes, of each chief house a prince throughout all the tribes of Israel; and each one *was* an head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel. And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to 11

the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, Thus saith 16
the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that
ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day
from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar,
that ye might rebel this day against the LORD? *Is the iniquity* 17
of Peor too little for us, from which we are not cleansed until
this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the
LORD, but that ye must turn away this day from following the 18
LORD? and it will be, *seeing* ye rebel to-day against the LORD,
that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation
of Israel. Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession *be* un- 19
clean, *then* pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the
LORD, wherein the LORD'S tabernacle dwelleth, and take
possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel
against us, in building you an altar beside the altar of the LORD
our God. Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in 20
the accursed thing, and wrath fell on all the congregation of
Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

THEN the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and 21
the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and said unto the heads
of the thousands of Israel, The LORD God of gods, the LORD 22
God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if *it be* in
rebellion, or if in transgression against the LORD, (save us not
this day), that we have built us an altar to turn from following 23
the LORD, or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meat-offering,
or if to offer peace-offerings thereon, let the LORD himself re-
quire *it*; and if we have not *rather* done it for fear of *this* thing, 24
saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our chil-
dren, saying, What have ye to do with the LORD God of Israel?
For the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, 25
ye children of Reuben and children of Gad: ye have no part
in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease
from fearing the LORD. Therefore we said, Let us now prepare 26
to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice: but 27
that it may be a witness between us, and you, and our generations
after us, that we might do the service of the LORD before him
with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our
peace-offerings; that your children may not say to our children
in time to come, Ye have no part in the LORD. Therefore said 28
we, that it shall be, when they should *so* say to us or to our
generations in time to come, that we may say *again*, Behold the
pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not
for burnt-offerings, nor for sacrifices; but *it is* a witness between
us and you. God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, 29
and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar
for burnt-offerings, for meat-offerings, or for sacrifices, beside the
altar of the LORD our God that *is* before his tabernacle.

AND when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congre- 30
gation and heads of the thousands of Israel which *were* with
him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the chil-

dren of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the 31 children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we perceive that the LORD is among us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now ye have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the 32 priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and 33 the children of Israel blessed God, and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt.

AND the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called 34 the altar *Ed*: for it *shall be* a witness between us that the LORD is God.

AND it came to pass, a long time after that the LORD had 23 given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age. And Joshua called for 2 all Israel, and for their elders, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and stricken in age: and ye have seen all that the LORD your God 3 hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you. Behold, I have divided 4 unto you by lot these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea westward. And the LORD your 5 God, he shall expel them from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God hath promised unto you. Be ye therefore very cour- 6 ageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or to the left; that ye come not among these nations, these that 7 remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them: but cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done unto this day. For the LORD hath driven out 8 from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath been able to stand before you unto this day. One man of 10 you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he *it is* that fighteth for you, as he hath promised you. Take good heed 11 therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant 12 of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: know for a certainty, that the LORD your God will no more 13 drive out any of these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. And, behold, this day I 14

am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, *and* not one thing hath failed thereof. Therefore it shall come to pass, *that* as all good things 15
are come upon you, which the LORD your God promised you; so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. When ye have transgressed the covenant 16
of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.

AND Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and 24
called for the elders of Israel and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the 2
LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, *even* Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. And I took your 3
father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. And I gave unto Isaac, Jacob, and Esau: and I 4
gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. I sent Moses also and Aaron, 5
and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them: and afterward I brought you out. And I brought your fathers 6
out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red sea. And when they cried unto the LORD, he put dark- 7
ness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness a long season. And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt 8
on the other side Jordan: and they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, that ye might possess their land; and I destroyed them from before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, 9
king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: but I would not 10
hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still; so I delivered you out of his hand. And ye went over Jordan, and 11
came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I delivered them into your hand. And I sent the hornet before 12
you, which drave them out from before you, *even* the two kings of the Amorites; *but* not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. And I have given you a land for which ye did not labor, and 13
cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards

and olive-yards which ye planted not do ye eat. Now therefore 14
 fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put
 away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of
 the flood, and in Egypt: and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem 15
 evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye
 will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that
 were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites,
 in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will
 serve the LORD.

And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should 16
 forsake the LORD, to serve other gods: for the LORD our God, 17
 he *it is* that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of
 Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great
 signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we
 went, and among all the people through whom we passed: 18
 and the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even
 the Amorites which dwelt in the land: *therefore* will we also
 serve the LORD: for he *is* our God. And Joshua said unto the 19
 people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he *is* an holy God: he
is a jealous God: he will not forgive your transgressions nor
 your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then 20
 he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he
 hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; 21
 but we will serve the LORD. And Joshua said unto the people, 22
 Ye *are* witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the
 LORD, to serve him. And they said, We *are* witnesses. Now 23
 therefore put away, *said he*, the strange gods which *are* among
 you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel. And 24
 the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve,
 and his voice will we obey. So Joshua made a covenant with 25
 the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in
 Shechem. And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the 26
 law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an
 oak, that *was* by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said 27
 unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us:
 for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake
 unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny
 your God. So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his 28
 inheritance.

And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of 29
 Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred and ten
 years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance 30
 in Timnath-serah, which *is* in mount Ephraim, on the north side
 of the hill of Gaash.

And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all 31
 the days of the elders that overlived Joshua, and which had
 known all the works of the LORD, that he had done for Israel.

And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought 32
 up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in a parcel of ground
 which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem

for an hundred pieces of silver: and it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

AND Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in a hill *that pertaineth to Phinehas* his son, which was given him in mount Ephraim.

THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

NOW after the death of Joshua it came to pass, that the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites first, to fight against them? And the LORD said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. And Judah went up; and the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they slew of them in Bezek ten thousand men. And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they slew the Canaanites and the Perizzites. But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and there he died.

Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and smitten it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron before *was* Kirjath-arba:) and they slew Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai. And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir: (and the name of Debir before *was* Kirjath-sepher:) And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kirjath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. And it came to pass, when she came *to him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted from off *her ass*; and Caleb said unto her, What wilt thou? And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

AND the children of the Kenite, Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which *lieth* in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt among the people.

AND Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they slew the 17
 Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it.
 (And the name of the city was called Hormah.) 'Also Judah 18
 took Gaza with the coast thereof, and Askelon with the coast
 thereof, and Ekron with the coast thereof. And the LORD 19
 was with Judah; and he drave out *the inhabitants of* the moun-
 tain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, be-
 cause they had chariots of iron. And they gave Hebron unto 20
 Caleb, as Moses said: and he expelled thence the three sons of
 Anak.

AND the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites 21
 that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the chil-
 dren of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

AND the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: 22
 and the LORD *was* with them. And the house of Joseph sent 23
 to descry Beth-el. (Now the name of the city before *was* Luz.)
 And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they 24
 said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city,
 and we will show thee mercy. And when he showed them the 25
 entrance into the city, they smote the city with the edge of the
 sword; but they let go the man and all his family. And the man 26
 went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the
 name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

NEITHER did Manasseh drive out *the inhabitants of* Beth-shean 27
 and her towns, nor Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants
 of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her
 towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the 28
 Canaanites would dwell in that land. And it came to pass, when
 Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did
 not utterly drive them out. Neither did Ephraim drive out the 29
 Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in
 Gezer among them. Neither did Zebulun drive out the inhab- 30
 itants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaan-
 ites dwelt among them, and became tributaries. Neither did 31
 Asher drive out the inhabitants of Accho, nor the inhabitants of
 Zidon, nor of Ahlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik,
 nor of Rehob: but the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, 32
 the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.
 Neither did Naphtali drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, 33
 nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Can-
 aanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants
 of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributaries unto them.
 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain: 34
 for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley: 'but 35
 the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres in Aijalon, and in Shaal-
 bim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they
 became tributaries. And the coast of the Amorites *was* from 36
 the going up to Akrabbim, from the rock, and upward.

AND an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, 2
 and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought
 you unto the land which I swear unto your fathers; and I said,

I will never break my covenant with you. And ye shall make
no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down
their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye
done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from
before you; but they shall be *as thorns* in your sides, and their
gods shall be a snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the
angel of the LORD spake these words unto all the children of
Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And they
called the name of that place *Bochim*: and they sacrificed there
unto the LORD.

AND when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel
went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. And
the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the
days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the
great works of the LORD, that he did for Israel. And Joshua
the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, *being* an hundred
and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his
inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the
north side of the hill Gaash. And also all that generation were
gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation
after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which
he had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in
the sight of the LORD, and served Baalim: and they forsook the
LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land
of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that
were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and
provoked the LORD to anger. And they forsook the LORD,
and served Baal and Ashtaroath. And the anger of the LORD
was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of
spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of
their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer
stand before their enemies. Whithersoever they went out, the
hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had
said, and as the LORD had sworn unto them: and they were
greatly distressed. Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges,
which delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them.
And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they
went a whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto
them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers
walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD: *but* they
did not so. And when the LORD raised them up judges, then
the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the
hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented
the LORD because of their groanings, by reason of them that
oppressed them and vexed them. And it came to pass, when
the judge was dead, *that* they returned, and corrupted *themselves*
more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them,
and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own
doings, nor from their stubborn way. And the anger of the
LORD was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this
people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their

fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; I also will not 21
 henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which
 Joshua left when he died: that through them I may prove Israel, 22
 whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk therein,
 as their fathers did keep *it*, or not. Therefore the LORD left 23
 those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither de-
 livered he them into the hand of Joshua.

Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, to prove Is- 3
 rael by them, *even* as many of *Israel* as had not known all the
 wars of Canaan; only that the generations of the children of 2
 Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before
 knew nothing thereof; *namely*, five lords of the Philistines, and 3
 all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt
 in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering
 in of Hamath. And they were to prove Israel by them, to 4
 know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of
 the LORD, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of
 Moses.

AND the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hit- 5
 tites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites:
 and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their 6
 daughters to their sons, and served their gods. And the children 7
 of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and forgot the LORD
 their God, and served Baalim and the groves. Therefore the 8
 anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them
 into the hand of Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia; and
 the children of Israel served Chushan-rishathaim eight years.

AND when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the 9
 LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who de-
 livered them, *even* Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger
 brother. And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he 10
 judged Israel, and went out to war: and the LORD delivered
 Chushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and
 his hand prevailed against Chushan-rishathaim. And the land 11
 had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the 12
 LORD: and the LORD strengthened Eglon the king of Moab
 against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the
 LORD. And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and 13
 Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of
 palm trees. So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of 14
 Moab eighteen years.

But when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, the 15
 LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ehud, the son of Gera, a
 Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Israel
 sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab. But Ehud made 16
 him a dagger which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he
 did gird it under his raiment upon his right thigh. And he 17
 brought the present unto Eglon king of Moab: and Eglon was
 a very fat man. And when he had made an end to offer the 18
 present, he sent away the people that bare the present. But he 19

himself turned again from the quarries that *were* by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king: who said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. 'And 20 Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting in a summer parlor, which he had for himself alone. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of *his* seat. 'And 21 Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: and the hafi also went in after 22 the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly; and the dirt came out. Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of 23 the parlor upon him, and locked them. When he was gone out, 24 his servants came; and when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlor *were* locked, they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. And they tarried till they were ashamed: 25 and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlor; therefore they took a key, and opened *them*: and, behold, their lord *was* fallen down dead on the earth. And Ehud escaped while they 26 tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet 27 in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. And he 28 said unto them, Follow after me: for the LORD hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. And they slew of Moab at 29 that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valor; and there escaped not a man. So Moab was subdued 30 that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest four-score years.

AND after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of 31 the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also delivered Israel.

AND the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the 4 LORD, when Ehud was dead. And the LORD sold them into 2 the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host *was* Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD: 3 for he had nine hundred chariots of iron: and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

AND Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged 4 Israel at that time. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in mount Ephraim: and the 5 children of Israel came up to her for judgment. And she sent 6 and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon 7 Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thine hand. And Barak 8

said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, *then* I will not go. And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and he went up with ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

Now Heber the Kenite, *which was* of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had severed himself from the Kenites, and pitched his tent unto the plain of Zaanaim, *which is* by Kedesh. And they showed Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, *even* nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that *were* with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles unto the river of Kishon.

AND Deborah said unto Barak, Up: for this is the day in which the LORD hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the LORD gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. And the LORD discomfited Sisera, and all *his* chariots, and all *his* host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; so that Sisera lighted down off *his* chariot, and fled away on his feet. But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell upon the edge of the sword; and there was not a man left. Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for *there was* peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And when he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a mantle. And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. Again he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here? that thou shalt say, No. Then Jael, Heber's wife, took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep, and weary. So he died. And behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail *was* in his temples.

So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

THEN sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

- 2 Praise ye the LORD for the avenging of Israel,
When the people willingly offered themselves.
- 3 Hear, O ye kings;
Give ear, O ye princes:
I will sing unto the LORD;
I will sing praise to the LORD God of Israel.
- 4 LORD, when thou wentest out of Seir,
When thou marchedst out of the field of Edom,
The earth trembled, and the heavens dropped,
The clouds also dropped water.
- 5 The mountains moved from before the LORD.
Even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.
- 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath,
In the days of Jael,
The highways were unoccupied,
And the travellers walked through by-ways.
- 7 The inhabitants of the villages ceased,
They ceased in Israel,
Until that Deborah arise.
That I arose a mother in Israel.
- 8 They chose new gods;
Then was war in the gates:
Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel?
- 9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel,
Thine offered themselves willingly among the people.
Bless ye the LORD.
- 10 Speak, ye that ride on white asses,
Ye that sit in judgment, and walk by the way.
- 11 They that are delivered from the noise of archers
In the places of drawing water,
There shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the LORD.
Even the righteous acts toward the inhabitants of his villages in Israel:
Then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates.
- 12 Awake, awake, Deborah:
Awake, awake, utter a song:
Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive,
Thou son of Abinoam.
- 13 Then he made him that remaineth have dominion over the nobles among the people:
The LORD made me have dominion over the mighty.
- 14 Out of Ephraim was there a root of them against Amalek;
After thee, Benjamin, among thy people;
Out of Machir came down governors,
And out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer.
- 15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah;
Even Issachar, and also Barak:
He was sent on foot into the valley.
For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.
- 16 Why abodest thou among the sheep-folds,
To hear the bleatings of the flocks?
For the divisions of Reuben there were great searchings of heart.
- 17 Gilead abode beyond Jordan:
And why did Dan remain in ships?
Asher continued on the sea-shore,
And abode in his breaches.
- 18 Zebulun and Naphthali were a people that jeopardied their lives unto the death
In the high places of the field.
- 19 The kings came and fought,
Then fought the kings of Canaan in Taanach
by the waters of Megiddo;
They took no gain of money.
- 20 They fought from heaven;
The stars in their courses fought against Sisera.
- 21 The river of Kishon swept them away,
That ancient river, the river Kishon.
O my soul, thou hast trodden down strength.
- 22 Then were the horse-hoofs broken by the means of the prancings,
The prancings of their mighty ones.
- 23 Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the LORD,
Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof;
Because they came not to the help of the LORD,
To the help of the LORD against the mighty.
- 24 Blessed above women shall Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite be,
Blessed shall she be above women in the tent.
- 25 He asked water, and she gave him milk:
She brought forth butter in a lordly dish.
- 26 She put her hand to the nail,
And her right hand to the workman's hammer;
And with the hammer she smote Sisera,
She smote off his head,
When she had pierced and stricken through his temples.
- 27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay down:
At her feet he bowed, he fell:
Where he bowed, there he fell down dead.
- 28 The mother of Sisera looked out at a window,
And cried through the lattice,
Why is his chariot so long in coming?
Why tarry the wheels of his chariots?
- 29 Her wise ladies answered her,
Yea, she returned answer to herself,
- 30 Have they not sped?
Have they not divided the prey;
To every man a damsel or two;
To Sisera a prey of divers colors,
A prey of divers colors of needle-work,
Of divers colors of needle-work on both sides,
Mact for the necks of them that take the spoil?
- 31 So let all thine enemies perish, O LORD:
But let them that love him be as the sun
When he goeth forth in his might.

And the land had rest forty years.

AND the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD: **6**
and the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven
years. And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: *and* **2**
because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the
dens which *are* in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds.
And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came **3**

up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them; and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; *for* both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it. And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

AND it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Midianites, that the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; and I said unto you, I *am* the LORD your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.

AND there came an angel of the LORD, and sat under an oak which *was* in Ophrah, that *pertained* unto Joash the Abi-ezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide *it* from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD *is* with thee, thou mighty man of valor. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where *be* all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee? And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family *is* poor in Manasseh, and I *am* the least of my father's house. And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then show me a sign that thou talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set *it* before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again. 'And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought *it* out unto him under the oak, and presented *it*. And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay *them* upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 'Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that *was* in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. 'And when Gideon perceived that he *was* an angel of the LORD, Gid-

eon said, Alas, O LORD God! for because I have seen an angel of the LORD face to face. And the LORD said unto him, Peace 23
be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

THEN Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called 24
it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it *is* yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites. And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD 25
said unto him, Take thy father's young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that *is* by it; and 26
build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as 27
the LORD had said unto him: and *so* it was, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, that he could not do *it* by day, that he did *it* by night. And when the men of the 28
city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove was cut down that *was* by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar *that was* built. And 29
they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. Then the men of the city said unto Joash, 30
Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath cast down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that *was* by it. And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye 31
plead for Baal? will ye save him? he that will plead for him, let him be put to death whilst *it is yet* morning: if he *be* a god, let him plead for himself, because *one* hath cast down his altar. Therefore on that day he called him Jerubbaal, saying, Let 32
Baal plead against him, because he hath thrown down his altar.

THEN all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children 33
of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel. But the spirit of the LORD came 34
upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered after him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; 35
who also was gathered after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali: and they came up to meet them.

AND Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine 36
hand, as thou hast said, 'behold, I will put a fleece of wool in 37
the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and *it be* dry upon all the earth *beside*, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said. And it was so: for he 38
rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. And 39
Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. And God did so that 40
night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

THEN Jerubbaal, who *is* Gideon, and all the people that *were* 7
 with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the well of Harod:
 so that the host of the Midianites were on the north side of them,
 by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. And the LORD said unto 2
 Gideon, The people that *are* with thee *are* too many for me to
 give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel vaunt themselves
 against me, saying, Mine own hand hath saved me. Now there- 3
 fore, go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever
is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount
 Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty-and-two thou-
 sand: and there remained ten thousand. And the LORD said 4
 unto Gideon, The people *are* yet *too* many; bring them down
 unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall
 be, *that* of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the
 same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee,
 This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. So he brought 5
 down the people unto the water, and the LORD said unto Gid-
 eon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a
 dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one
 that boweth down upon his knees to drink. And the number of 6
 them that lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, were three
 hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon
 their knees to drink water. And the LORD said unto Gideon, 7
 By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and de-
 liver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the *other* people
 go every man unto his place. So the people took victuals in 8
 their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all *the rest of* Israel
 every man unto his tent, and retained those three hundred men:
 and the host of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

AND it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said 9
 unto him, Arise, get thee down unto the host; for I have delivered
 it into thine hand. But if thou fear to go down, go thou with 10
 Phurah thy servant down to the host: and thou shalt hear what 11
 they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go
 down unto the host. Then went he down with Phurah his
 servant unto the outside of the armed men that *were* in the host.
 And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of 12
 the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude;
 and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the sea-
 side for multitude. And when Gideon was come, behold, *there* 13
was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I
 dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into
 the host of Midian, and came unto a tent, and smote it that it
 fell, and overturned it, that the tent lay along. And his fellow 14
 answered and said, This *is* nothing else save the sword of Gideon
 the son of Joash, a man of Israel: *for* into his hand hath God de-
 livered Midian, and all the host.

AND it was *so*, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, 15
 and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped, and returned
 into the host of Israel, and said, Arise; for the LORD hath de-
 livered into your hand the host of Midian. And he divided the 16

three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and lamps within the pitchers. And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: 17 and, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, it shall be, *that*, as I do, so shall ye do. When I blow with a trumpet, I and 18 all that *are* with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, *The sword* of the LORD, and of Gideon. So Gideon, and the hundred men that *were* with him, 19 came unto the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; and they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers that *were* in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake 20 pitchers, and held the lamps in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow *withal*; and they cried, The sword of the LORD, and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his 21 place round about the camp; and all the host ran, and cried, and fled. And the three hundred blew the trumpets, and the 22 LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the host: and the host fled to Beth-shittah in Zererath, and to the border of Abel-meholah, unto Tabbath.

AND the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of 23 Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manassch, and pursued after the Midianites. And Gideon sent messengers through- 24 out all mount Ephraim, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take before them the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. Then all the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and took the waters unto Beth-barah and Jordan. And they took 25 two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb, and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the wine-press of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan. And the men of 8 Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? and they did chide with him sharply. And he said unto them, 2 What have I done now in comparison of you? *Is* not the glean- ing of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-ezer? God hath delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Oreb 3 and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

AND Gideon came to Jordan, and passed over, he, and the 4 three hundred men that *were* with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*. And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves 5 of bread unto the people that follow me; for they *be* faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. And the princes of Succoth said, *Are* the hands of Zebah and 6 Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army? And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD hath 7 delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them like- 8

wise: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered *him*. And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

Now Zebah and Zalmunna *were* in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand *men*, all that were left of all the hosts of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword. And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host: for the host was secure. And when Zebah and Zalmunna fled, he pursued after them, and took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

AND Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was up*, and caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he described unto him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, *even* threescore and seventeen men. And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, with whom ye did upbraid me, saying, *Are* the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men *that are weary*? And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. And he beat down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

THEN said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna. What manner of men *were they* whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou *art*, so *were* they; each one resembled the children of a king. And he said, They *were* my brethren, *even* the sons of my mother: as the LORD liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you. And he said unto Jether his first-born, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he *was* yet a youth. Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man *is*, so *is* his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that *were* on their camels' necks.

THEN the men of Israel said unto Gideon. Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy sons' son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the LORD shall rule over you.

AND Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they *were* Ishmaelites.) And they answered, We will willingly give *them*. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his prey. And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold: beside ornaments and collars, and purple raiment that *was* on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that *were* about their camels' necks. And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, *even* in Ophrah; and all Israel went thither a whoring

after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon and to his house.

THUS was Midian subdued before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon. And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many wives. And his concubine that *was* in Shechem, she also bare him a son, whose name he called Abimelech. And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abi-ezrites.

AND it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. And the children of Israel remembered not the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side: neither showed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *namely*, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had showed unto Israel.

AND Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and communed with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, either that all the sons of Jerubbaal, *which are* threescore and ten persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? remember also that I *am* your bone and your flesh. And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He *is* our brother. And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light persons, which followed him. And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, *being* threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: notwithstanding, yet Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left: for he hid himself. And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Millo, and went, and made Abimelech king by the plain of the pillar that *was* in Shechem.

AND when they told *it* to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. The trees went forth *on a time* to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign thou over us. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith by me they honor God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, *and* reign over us. But the fig tree said unto them, Should I forsake my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said the trees unto the vine, Come thou, *and* reign over us. And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? Then said all the trees unto the

bramble, Come thou, *and* reign over us. And the bramble said 15
unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, *then*
come *and* put your trust in my shadow; and if not, let fire come
out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. Now 16
therefore, if ye have done truly and sincerely, in that ye have
made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal
and his house, and have done unto him according to the de-
serving of his hands; (for my father fought for you, and advent- 17
tured his life far, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:
and ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have 18
slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and
have made Abimelech, the son of his maid-servant, king over
the men of Shechem, because he *is* your brother;) if ye then 19
have dealt truly and sincerely with Jerubbaal and with his
house this day, *then* rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also
rejoice in you: but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and 20
devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let
fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of
Millo, and devour Abimelech. And Jotham ran away, and fled, 21
and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his
brother.

WHEN Abimelech had reigned three years over Israel, 'then 22
God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of
Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with
Abimelech: that the cruelty *done* to the threescore and ten sons 24
of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood be laid upon Abimelech
their brother, which slew them: and upon the men of Shechem,
which aided him in the killing of his brethren. And the men 25
of Shechem set liers in wait for him in the top of the mountains,
and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it
was told Abimelech. And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his 26
brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem
put their confidence in him. And they went out into the fields, 27
and gathered their vineyards, and trode *the grapes*, and made
merry, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and
drink, and cursed Abimelech. And Gaal the son of Ebed said, 28
Who *is* Abimelech, and who *is* Shechem, that we should serve
him? *is* not *he* the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer?
serve the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: for why should
we serve him? And would to God this people were under my 29
hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said to Abime-
lech, Increase thine army, and come out. And when Zebul the 30
ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of Ebed, his
anger was kindled. And he sent messengers unto Abimelech 31
privily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren
be come to Shechem; and, behold, they fortify the city against
thee. Now therefore up by night, thou and the people that *is* 32
with thee, and lie in wait in the field: and it shall be, *that* in the 33
morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set
upon the city: and, behold, *when* he and the people that *is* with
him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them as thou

shalt find occasion. And Abimelech rose up, and all the people 34
that *were* with him, by night, and they laid wait against Shechem
in four companies. And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and 35
stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose
up, and the people that *were* with him, from lying in wait. And 36
when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold there come
people down from the top of the mountains. And Zebul said
unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as *if they*
were men. And Gaal spake again, and said, See, there come 37
people down by the middle of the land, and another company
come along by the plain of Meonenim. Then said Zebul unto 38
him, Where *is* now thy mouth, wherewith thou saidst, Who is
Abimelech, that we should serve him? *is* not this the people that
thou hast despised? go out, I pray now, and fight with them.
And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with 39
Abimelech. And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before 40
him, and many were overthrown *and* wounded, *even* unto the
entering of the gate. And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and 41
Zebul thrust out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not
dwell in Shechem. And it came to pass on the morrow, that 42
the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech.
And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, 43
and laid wait in the field, and looked, and, behold, the people
were come forth out of the city: and he rose up against them,
and smote them. And Abimelech, and the company that *was* 44
with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate
of the city: and the two *other* companies ran upon all the people
that *were* in the fields, and slew them. And Abimelech fought 45
against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the
people that *was* therein, and beat down the city, and sowed it
with salt.

AND when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard *that*, 46
they entered into an hold of the house of the god Berith. And 47
it was told Abimelech, that all the men of the tower of Shechem
were gathered together. And Abimelech gat him up to mount 48
Zalmon, he and all the people that *were* with him; and Abimelech
took an ax in his hand, and cut down a bough from the
trees, and took it, and laid *it* on his shoulder, and said unto the
people that *were* with him, What ye have seen me do, make
haste, *and* do as I *have* done. And all the people likewise cut 49
down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put
them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all
the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand
men and women.

Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against The- 50
bez, and took it. But there was a strong tower within the city, 51
and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city,
and shut *it* to them, and gat them up to the top of the tower.
And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and 52
went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And 53
a certain woman cast a piece of a millstone upon Abimelech's

head, and all to brake his scull. Then he called hastily unto 54
the young man his armor-bearer, and said unto him, Draw thy
sword, and slay me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him.
And his young man thrust him through, and he died. And when 55
the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed
every man unto his place.

Thus God rendered the wickedness of Abimelech, which he 56
did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: and all the 57
evil of the men of Shechem did God render upon their heads:
and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

AND after Abimelech there arose to defend Israel Tola the 10
son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt
in Shamir in mount Ephraim. And he judged Israel twenty-and- 2
three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

AND after him arose Jair, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twen- 3
ty-and-two years. And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass 4
colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called Havoth-jair
unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. And Jair died, 5
and was buried in Camon.

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the 6
LORD, and served Baalim, and Ashtaroth, and the gods of Syria,
and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of
the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines, and for- 7
sook the LORD, and served not him. And the anger of the
LORD was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hands 8
of the Philistines, and into the hands of the children of Ammon.
And that year they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel 8
eighteen years, all the children of Israel that were on the other
side Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead.
Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight 9
also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house
of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

AND the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We 10
have sinned against thee, both because we have forsaken our
God, and also served Baalim. And the LORD said unto the 11
children of Israel, Did not I deliver you from the Egyptians, and
from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the
Philistines? The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the 12
Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried to me, and I delivered
you out of their hand. Yet ye have forsaken me, and served 13
other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. Go and cry 14
unto the gods which ye have chosen: let them deliver you in the
time of your tribulation. And the children of Israel said unto 15
the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seem-
eth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day.
And they put away the strange gods from among them, and 16
served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of
Israel.

THEN the children of Ammon were gathered together, and 17
encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled
themselves together, and encamped in Mizpeh. And the people 18

and princes of Gilead said one to another, What man *is he* that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. Now Jephthah the **11** Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he *was* the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare **2** him sons; and his wife's sons grew up, and they thrust out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou *art* the son of a strange woman. Then Jephthah **3** fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain men to Jephthah, and went out with him. And it came to pass in process of time, that the children of Am- **4** mon made war against Israel. And it was so, that when the **5** children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: and they said **6** unto Jephthah, Come, and be our captain, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. And Jephthah said unto the **7** elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and expel me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, There- **8** fore we turn again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. And Jephthah said unto the el- **9** ders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jeph- **10** thah, The LORD be a witness between us, if we do not so according to thy words. Then Jephthah went with the elders of **11** Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them: and Jephthah uttered all his words before the LORD in Mizpeh.

And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children **12** of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come against me to fight in my land? And the king of the chil- **13** dren of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably. And Jephthah **14** sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon; and said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away **15** the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: but **16** when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh; then Israel sent **17** messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom would not hearken *thereto*. And in like manner they sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not *consent*; and Israel abode in Kadesh. Then **18** they went along through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, but came not within the border of Moab: for Arnon *was* the border of Moab. And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the **19** Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let

us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place. But 20
 Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his coast: but Sihon
 gathered all his people together, and pitched in Jahaz, and fought
 against Israel. And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sihon 21
 and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them:
 so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants
 of that country. And they possessed all the coasts of the Amor- 22
 ites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even
 unto Jordan. So now the LORD God of Israel hath dispossessed 23
 the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldst thou
 possess it? Wilt not thou possess that which Chemosh thy god 24
 giveth thee to possess? So whomsoever the LORD our God shall
 drive out from before us, them will we possess. And now *art* 25
 thou any thing better than Balak the son of Zippor, king of
 Moab? did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight
 against them, while Israel dwelt in Heshbon and her towns, 26
 and in Aroer and her towns, and in all the cities that *be* along
 by the coasts of Arnon, three hundred years? why therefore did
 ye not recover *them* within that time? Wherefore I have not 27
 sinned against thee, but thou doest me wrong to war against me:
 the LORD the Judge be judge this day between the children of
 Israel and the children of Ammon.

HOWBEIT the king of the children of Ammon hearkened not 28
 unto the words of Jephthah which he sent him. Then the Spirit 29
 of the LORD came upon Jephthah, and he passed over Gil-
 ead, and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh of Gilead, and from
 Mizpeh of Gilead he passed over *unto* the children of Ammon.
 And Jephthah vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou 30
 shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into mine hands;
 then it shall be, that whatsoever cometh forth of the doors of 31
 my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the children
 of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD'S, and I will offer it up
 for a burnt-offering. So Jephthah passed over unto the children 32
 of Ammon to fight against them; and the LORD delivered them
 into his hands. And he smote them from Aroer, even till thou 33
 come to Minnith, *even* twenty cities, and unto the plain of the
 vineyards, with a very great slaughter. Thus the children of
 Ammon were subdued before the children of Israel.

AND Jephthah came to Mizpeh unto his house, and, behold, 34
 his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with
 dances: and she *was* his only child; beside her he had neither
 son nor daughter. And it came to pass, when he saw her, that 35
 he rent his clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter! thou hast
 brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me:
 for I have opened my mouth unto the LORD, and I cannot go
 back. And she said unto him, My father, *if* thou hast opened 36
 thy mouth unto the LORD, do to me according to that which
 hath proceeded out of thy mouth; forasmuch as the LORD hath
 taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies, *even* of the children
 of Ammon. And she said unto her father, Let this thing be done 37
 for me: let me alone two months, that I may go up and down

upon the mountains, and bewail my virginity, I and my fellows.
 ' And he said, Go. And he sent her away *for* two months: and she went with her companions, and bewailed her virginity upon the mountains. And it came to pass at the end of two months that she returned unto her father, who did with her *according* to his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel, *that* the daughters of Israel went yearly to lament the daughter of Jephthah the Gileadite four days in a year.

AND the men of Ephraim gathered themselves together, and went northward, and said unto Jephthah, Wherefore *passedst* thou over to fight against the children of Ammon, and didst not call us to go with thee? we will burn thine house upon thee with fire. And Jephthah said unto them, I and my people were at great strife with the children of Ammon: and when I called you, ye delivered me not out of their hands. And when I saw that ye delivered *me* not, I put my life in my hands, and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand: wherefore then are ye come up unto me this day, to fight against me? Then Jephthah gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ephraim: and the men of Gilead smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye Gileadites *are* fugitives of Ephraim among the Ephraimites, *and* among the Manassites. And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it was so, that when those Ephraimites which were escaped said, Let me go over: that the men of Gilead said unto him, *Art* thou an Ephraimite? if he said, Nay; ' then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not frame to pronounce *it* right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passages of Jordan: and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty-and-two thousand.

AND Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of* the cities of Gilead.

AND after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel. ' And he had thirty sons and thirty daughters, *whom* he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. Then died Ibzan, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

AND after him Elon, a Zebulonite, judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. And Elon the Zebulonite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the country of Zebulun.

AND after him Abdon the son of Hillel, a Pirathonite, judged Israel. And he had forty sons and thirty nephews, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years. And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the mount of the Amalekites.

AND the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

AND there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the

Danites, whose name *was* Manoah; and his wife *was* barren, and bare not. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou *art* barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean *thing*: for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance *was* like the countenance of an angel of God, very terrible: but I asked him not whence he *was*, neither told he me his name: but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*: for the child shall be a Nazarite to God from the womb to the day of his death.

THEN Manoah entreated the LORD, and said, O my LORD, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field; but Manoah her husband *was* not with her. And the woman made haste, and ran, and showed her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the *other* day. And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, *Art* thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I *am*. And Manoah said, Now let thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and *how* shall we do unto him? And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her beware. She may not eat of any *thing* that cometh of the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean *thing*: all that I commanded her let her observe. And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, until we shall have made ready a kid for thee. And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if thou wilt offer a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he *was* an angel of the LORD. And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What *is* thy name, that when thy sayings come to pass we may do thee honor? And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Why askest thou thus after my name, seeing it *is* secret? So Manoah took a kid with a meat-offering, and offered *it* upon a rock unto the LORD: and *the* angel did wonderously; and Manoah and his wife looked on. For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar. And Manoah and his wife looked on *it*, and fell on their faces to the ground. But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that

he *was* an angel of the LORD. And Manoah said unto his wife, 22
We shall surely die, because we have seen God. But his wife 23
said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not
have received a burnt-offering and a meat-offering at our hands,
neither would he have showed us all these *things*, nor would as
at this time have told us *such things* as these.

AND the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: 24
and the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. And the Spirit 25
of the LORD began to move him at times, in the camp of Dan,
between Zorah and Eshtaol.

AND Samson went down to Timnath, and saw a woman in 14
Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines. And he came up, 2
and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a
woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now there-
fore get her for me to wife. Then his father and his mother 3
said unto him, *Is there* never a woman among the daughters of
thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a
wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto
his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. But his 4
father and his mother knew not that it *was* of the LORD, that
he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time
the Philistines had dominion over Israel. Then went Samson 5
down, and his father and his mother, to Timnath, and came to
the vineyards of Timnath: and, behold, a young lion roared
against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon 6
him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and *he had*
nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother
what he had done. And he went down, and talked with the 7
woman; and she pleased Samson well.

AND after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside 8
to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, *there was* a swarm of
bees and honey in the carcass of the lion. And he took thereof 9
in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and
mother, and he gave them, and they did eat: but he told not them
that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion. So 10
his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there
a feast; for so used the young men to do. And it came to pass, 11
when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be
with him. And Samson said unto them, I will now put forth a 12
riddle unto you: if ye can certainly declare it me within
the seven days of the feast, and find *it* out, then I will give you
thirty sheets and thirty change of garments: but if ye cannot 13
declare *it* me, then shall ye give me thirty sheets and thirty
change of garments. And they said unto him, Put forth thy
riddle, that we may hear it. And he said unto them, Out of the 14
eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweet-
ness. And they could not in three days expound the riddle.
And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto 15
Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto
us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire:
have ye called us to take that we have? *is it not so?* And 16

Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told *it* me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told *it* my father nor my mother, and shall I tell *it* thee? And she wept before him the seven days, 17 while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore upon him: and she told the riddle to the children of her people. And the men of the 18 city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What *is* sweeter than honey? and what *is* stronger than a lion? And he said unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, ye had not found out my riddle. And the Spirit of the LORD 19 came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. But Samson's 20 wife was *given* to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

BUT it came to pass within a while after, in the time of wheat 15 harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid: and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. And her father said, I verily thought 2 that thou hadst utterly hated her: therefore I gave her to thy companion: *is* not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her.

AND Samson said concerning them, Now shall I be more 3 blameless than the Philistines, though I do them a displeasure. And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took 4 firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between two tails. And when he had set the brands on 5 fire, he let *them* go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards *and* olives. Then the Philistines said, Who hath done 6 this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he had taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up and burnt her and her father with fire.

AND Samson said unto them, Though ye have done this, yet 7 will I be avenged of you, and after that I will cease. And he 8 smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the top of the rock Etam.

THEN the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and 9 spread themselves in Lehi. And the men of Judah said, Why 10 are ye come up against us? And they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. Then 11 three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines *are* rulers over us? what *is* this *that* thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, 12 that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And

Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me yourselves. And they spake unto him, saying, No; 13 but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand; but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new cords, and brought him up from the rock.

AND when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted against 14 him: and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that *were* upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. And he found 15 a new jaw-bone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and slew a thousand men therewith. And Samson said, With 16 the jaw-bone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass have I slain a thousand men. And it came to pass, when he had 17 made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lehi.

AND he was sore athirst, and called on the LORD, and said, 18 Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? But God clave an hollow place that *was* in 19 the jaw, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore he called the name thereof En-hakkore, which *is* in Lehi unto this day. And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty 20 years.

THEN went Samson to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and 16 went in unto her. And *it was told* the Gazites, saying, Samson 2 is come hither. And they compassed *him* in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning, when it is day, we shall kill him. And 3 Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and went away with them, bar and all, and put *them* upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of an hill that *is* before Hebron.

AND it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman in the 4 valley of Sorek, whose name *was* Delilah. And the lords of 5 the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength *lieth*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred *pieces* of silver. And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray thee, 6 wherein thy great strength *lieth*, and wherewith thou mightest be bound to afflict thee. And Samson said unto her, If they bind 7 me with seven green withs that were never dried, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. Then the lords of the Phi- 8 listines brought up to her seven green withs which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. Now *there were* men 9 lying in wait, abiding with her in the chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withs, as a thread of tow is broken when it toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. And Delilah said unto Samson, 10 Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I

pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said 11
unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that never were
occupied, then shall I be weak, and be as another man. Delilah 12
therefore took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said
unto him, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. And *there were*
liers in wait abiding in the chamber. And he brake them from
off his arms like a thread. And Delilah said unto Samson, 13
Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me where-
with thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou
weavest the seven locks of my head with the web. And she 14
fastened *it* with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines *be*
upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and went
away with the pin of the beam, and with the web. And she 15
said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine
heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times,
and hast not told me wherein thy great strength *lieth*. And it 16
came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and
urged him, so that his soul was vexed unto death; that he told 17
her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor
upon mine head; for I *have been* a Nazarite unto God from my
mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from
me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man. And 18
when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent
and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this
once, for he hath showed me all his heart. Then the lords of
the Philistines came up unto her, and brought money in their
hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she 19
called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks
of his head: and she began to afflict him, and his strength went
from him. And she said, The Philistines *be* upon thee, Samson. 20
And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other
times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD
was departed from him. But the Philistines took him, and put 21
out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with
fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison-house.

HOWBEIT the hair of his head began to grow again after he 22
was shaven. Then the lords of the Philistines gathered them 23
together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and
to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our
enemy into our hand. And when the people saw him, they 24
praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our
hands our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which slew
many of us. And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, 25
that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And
they called for Samson out of the prison-house; and he made
them sport: and they set him between the pillars. And Samson 26
said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I
may feel the pillars whereupon the house standeth, that I may
lean upon them. Now the house was full of men and women; 27
and all the lords of the Philistines *were* there; and *there were*
upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that *be-*

held while Samson made sport. And Samson called unto the LORD, and said, O LORD God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was borne up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than *they* which he slew in his life. Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the burying-place of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

AND there was a man of mount Ephraim, whose name was Micah. And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou cursedst, and spakest of also in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my son. And when he had restored the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver unto the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. Yet he restored the money unto his mother; and his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and they were in the house of Micah. And the man Micah had an house of gods, and made an ephod, and teraphim, and consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. In those days *there was* no king in Israel, *but* every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

AND there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he sojourned there. And the man departed out of the city from Beth-lehem-judah to sojourn where he could find a place: and he came to mount Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? and he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in. And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as one of his sons. And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

In those days *there was* no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen unto them

among the tribes of Israel. And the children of Dan sent of 2
their family five men from their coasts, men of valor, from Zo-
rah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and
they said unto them, Go, search the land: who when they came
to mount Ephraim, to the house of Micah, they lodged there.
When they *were* by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of 3
the young man the Levite: and they turned in thither, and said
unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what makest thou in
this *place*? and what hast thou here? And he said unto them, 4
Thus and thus dealeth Micah with me, and hath hired me, and
I am his priest. And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray 5
thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go
shall be prosperous. And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: 6
before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.

THEN the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the 7
people that *were* therein, how they dwelt careless, after the man-
ner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; and *there was* no magis-
trate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing; and
they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any*
man. And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: 8
and their brethren said unto them, What *say* ye? And they said, 9
Arise, that we may go up against them; for we have seen the
land, and, behold, it is very good: and *are* ye still? be not sloth-
ful to go, *and* to enter to possess the land. When ye go, ye shall 10
come unto a people secure, and to a large land: for God hath
given it into your hands; a place where *there is* no want of any
thing that is in the earth.

AND there went from thence of the family of the Danites, out 11
of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men appointed with
weapons of war. And they went up, and pitched in Kirjath- 12
yearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place Mahaneh-
dan unto this day: behold, *it is* behind Kirjath-yearim. And 13
they passed thence unto mount Ephraim, and came unto the
house of Micah. Then answered the five men that went to 14
spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do
ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim,
and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore con-
sider what ye have to do. And they turned thitherward, and 15
came to the house of the young man the Levite, *even* unto the
house of Micah, and saluted him. And the six hundred men 16
appointed with their weapons of war, which *were* of the children
of Dan, stood by the entering of the gate. And the five men 17
that went to spy out the land went up, *and* came in thither, *and*
took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the
molten image: and the priest stood in the entering of the gate
with the six hundred men *that were* appointed with weapons of
war. And these went into Micah's house, and fetched the 18
carved image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten
image. Then said the priest unto them, What do ye? 'And 19
they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy
mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: *is it*

better for thee to be a priest unto the house of one man, or that thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went in the midst of the people. So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the carriage before them.

AND when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that *were* in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest with such a company? And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and ye are gone away: and what have I more? and what *is* this *that* ye say unto me, What aileth thee? And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon thee, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household. And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they *were* too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house.

AND they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people *that were* at quiet and secure: and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and burnt the city with fire. And *there was* no deliverer, because it *was* far from Zidon, and they had no business with *any* man; and it was in the valley *that lieth* by Beth-rehob. And they built a city, and dwelt therein. 'And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city *was* Laish at the first. And the children of Dan set up the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of Manasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. And they set them up Micah's graven image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

AND it came to pass in those days, when *there was* no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the side of mount Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah. And his concubine played the whore against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there four whole months. And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly unto her, *and* to bring her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. And his father-in-law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. And it came to pass on the fourth day, when they arose early in the morning, that he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son-in-law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward go your way. And they sat down, and did eat and drink both of them together: for the damsel's father had said

unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. And when the man rose up to depart, 7
 his father-in-law urged him: therefore he lodged there again. And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart: 8
 and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee. And they tarried until afternoon, and they did eat both of them. And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home. But the man would not tarry 10
 that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over-against Jebus, which is Jerusalem; and *there were* with him two asses saddled, his concubine also *was* with him. And when they were 11
 by Jebus, the day *was* far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. And his master said unto him, We 12
 will not turn aside hither into the city of a stranger, that is not of the children of Israel; we will pass over to Gibeah. And 13
 he said unto his servant, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places to lodge all night, in Gibeah, or in Ramah. And 14
 they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gibeah, which *belongeth* to Benjamin. And they turned aside thither, to go in *and* to lodge in 15
 Gibeah: and when he went in, he sat him down in a street of the city; for *there was* no man that took them into his house to lodging.

AND, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the 16
 field at even, which *was* also of mount Ephraim; and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the place *were* Benjamites. And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a wayfaring man 17
 in the street of the city: and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? And he said unto him, We 18
are passing from Beth-lehem-judah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence *am* I: and I went to Beth-lehem-judah, but I *am now* going to the house of the LORD; and there *is* no man that receiveth me to house. Yet there is both straw and prov- 19
 ender for our asses: and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man *which is* with thy servants: *there is* no want of any thing. And the old man said, 20
 Peace be with thee; howsoever, *let* all thy wants *lie* upon me; only lodge not in the street. So he brought him into his house, 21
 and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men 22
 of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, *and* beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him. And the man, the master of the house, 23
 went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, *nay*,

I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly. Behold, *here is my daughter* 24 a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing. But the men 25 would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go. Then came the woman in the dawn- 26 ing of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord *was*, till it was light. And her lord rose up in 27 the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his concubine was fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands *were* upon the threshold. 'And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going. But 28 none answered. Then the man took her *up* upon an ass, and the man rose up, and gat him unto his place.

AND when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and 29 laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, *together* with her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her into all the coasts of Israel. And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no 30 such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt, unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak *your minds*.

THEN all the children of Israel went out, and the congrega- 20 tion was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Beersheba, with the land of Gilead, unto the LORD in Mizpeh. And 2 the chief of all the people, *even* of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. (Now the children 3 of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpeh.)

THEN said the children of Israel, Tell *us*, how was this wicked- 4 ness? And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was slain, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that *belongeth* to Ben- 5 jamin, I and my concubine, to lodge. And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by 5 night, *and* thought to have slain me: *and* my concubine have they forced, that she is dead. And I took my concubine, and 6 cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed lewdness and 7 folly in Israel. Behold, ye *are* all children of Israel; give here your advice and counsel.

AND all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any 8 of *us* go to his tent, neither will we any of *us* turn into his house. But now this *shall* be the thing which we will do to Gibeah; 9 we will go *up* by lot against it; and we will take ten men of an 10 hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel.

So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit 11
together as one man. And the tribes of Israel sent men through 12
all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that
is done among you? Now therefore deliver *us* the men, the 13
children of Belial, which *are* in Gibeah, that we may put them
to death, and put away evil from Israel. But the children of
Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the 14
children of Israel: but the children of Benjamin gathered them-
selves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle 15
against the children of Israel. And the children of Benjamin
were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty-and-
six thousand men that drew sword, beside the inhabitants of 16
Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred chosen men.
Among all this people *there were* seven hundred chosen men left- 17
handed; every one could sling stones at an hair *breadth*, and not
miss. And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered
four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these *were*
men of war.

AND the children of Israel arose, and went up to the house of 18
God, and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go
up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the
LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first. And the children of Israel 19
rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. And the
men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men 20
of Israel put themselves in array to fight against them at Gibeah.
And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and 21
destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites that day twenty-
and-two thousand men. And the people the men of Israel en- 22
couraged themselves, and set their battle again in array, in the
place where they put themselves in array the first day. (And 23
the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until
even, and asked counsel of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up
again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother?
And the LORD said, Go up against him.) 'And the children of 24
Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second
day. And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah 25
the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the chil-
dren of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all these drew the
sword.

THEN all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, 26
and came unto the house of God, and wept, and sat there before
the LORD, and fasted that day until even, and offered burnt-
offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD. And the chil- 27
dren of Israel inquired of the LORD, (for the ark of the covenant
of God *was* there in those days, 'and Phinehas, the son of 28
Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying,
Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benja-
min my brother, or shall I cease? And the LORD said, Go up;
for to-morrow I will deliver them into thine hand.

AND Israel set liers in wait round about Gibeah. 'And the 29
children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on

the third day, and put themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, *and* were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite of the people, *and* kill, as at other times, in the high-ways, of which one goeth up to the house of God, and the other to Gibeah in the field, about thirty men of Israel. And the children of Benjamin said, They *are* smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them from the city unto the high-ways. And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel came forth out of their places, *even* out of the meadows of Gibeah. And there came against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil *was* near them. And the LORD smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites that day twenty-and-five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword. So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because they trusted unto the liers in wait which they had set beside Gibeah. And the liers in wait hastened, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers in wait drew *themselves* along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. Now there was an appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to smite *and* kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as *in* the first battle. But when the flame began to arise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the city ascended up to heaven. And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them. Therefore they turned *their backs* before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle overtook them; and them which *came* out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. *Thus* they inclosed the Benjamites round about, *and* chased them, *and* trode them down with ease, over-against Gibeah toward the sun-rising. And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these *were* men of valor. And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high-ways five thousand men; and pursued hard after them unto Gidom, and slew two thousand men of them. So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-and-five thousand men that drew the sword; all these *were* men of valor. But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, and abode in the rock Rimmon four months. And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, as well the men of *every* city, as the beast, and all that came to hand: also they set on fire all the cities that they came to.

Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpeh, saying, There **21**
 shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife.
 And the people came to the house of God, and abode there till **2**
 even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore: and **3**
 said, O LORD God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel,
 that there should be to-day one tribe lacking in Israel? And it **4**
 came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built
 there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings.
 And the children of Israel said, Who *is there* among all the tribes
 of Israel that came not up with the congregation un'to the LORD?
 For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not
 up to the LORD at Mizpeh, saying, He shall surely be put to
 death. And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin **6**
 their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this
 day. How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing **7**
 we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our
 daughters to wives? And they said, What one *is there* of the **8**
 tribes of Israel that came not up to Mizpeh to the LORD?

AND, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead
 to the assembly. For the people were numbered, and, behold, **9**
there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there. And **10**
 the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the val-
 iantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhab-
 itants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the
 women and the children. And this *is* the thing that ye shall **11**
 do, Ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that
 hath lain by man. And they found among the inhabitants of **12**
 Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had known no
 man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the
 camp to Shiloh, which *is* in the land of Canaan.

And the whole congregation sent *some* to speak to the chil- **13**
 dren of Benjamin, that *were* in the rock Rimmon, and to call
 peaceably unto them. And Benjamin came again at that time; **14**
 and they gave them wives which they had saved alive of the
 women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them not. And **15**
 the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the LORD
 had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

THEN the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do **16**
 for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed
 out of Benjamin? And they said, *There must be* an inheritance **17**
 for them that be escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not de-
 stroyed out of Israel. Howbeit we may not give them wives **18**
 of our daughters: for the children of Israel have sworn, saying,
 Cursed *be* he that giveth a wife to Benjamin? Then they said, **19**
 Behold, *there is* a feast of the LORD in Shiloh yearly, *in a place*
 which *is* on the north side of Beth-el, on the east side of the
 high-way that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the
 south of Lebonah. Therefore they commanded the children of **20**
 Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards; and see, **21**
 and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in
 dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every

man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren 22
come unto us to complain, that we will say unto them, Be favor-
able unto them for our sakes: because we reserved not to each
man his wife in the war: for ye did not give unto them at this
time, *that* ye should be guilty. And the children of Benjamin 23
did so, and took *them* wives, according to their number, of them
that danced, whom they caught: and they went and returned
unto their inheritance, and repaired the cities, and dwelt in them.
And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every 24
man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence
every man to his inheritance. In those days *there was* no king 25
in Israel: every man did *that which was* right in his own eyes.

THE BOOK OF RUTH.

NOW it came to pass in the days when the judges ruled, that 1
there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-
lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and
his wife, and his two sons. And the name of the man *was* Elim- 2
elech, and the name of his wife Naomi, and the name of his
two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah.
And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there.

AND Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and she was left, and 3
her two sons. And they took them wives of the women of 4
Moab: the name of the one *was* Orpah, and the name of the
other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. And Mah- 5
lon and Chilion died also both of them; and the woman was
left of her two sons and her husband.

THEN she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might re- 6
turn from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the coun-
try of Moab how that the LORD had visited his people in giving
them bread. Wherefore she went forth out of the place where 7
she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her; and they went
on the way to return unto the land of Judah. And Naomi said 8
unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each to her mother's
house: the LORD deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with
the dead, and with me. The LORD grant you that ye may find 9
rest, each of *you* in the house of her husband. Then she kissed
them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. And they said 10
unto her, Surely we will return with thee unto thy people. And 11
Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with
me? *are* there yet *any more* sons in my womb, that they may be
your husbands? Turn again, my daughters, go *your way*; for I 12
am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope,
if I should have an husband also to-night, and should also bear
sons; 'would ye tarry for them till they were grown? would ye 13
stay for them from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for it

grieveth me much for your sakes, that the hand of the LORD is gone out against me. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister-in-law. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if aught* but death part thee and me. When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, *Is this Naomi?* And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: why *then* call ye me Naomi, seeing the LORD hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me? So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

AND Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name *was* Boaz. And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean ears of corn after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. 'And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on a part of the field *belonging* unto Boaz, who *was* of the kindred of Elimelech.

AND, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The LORD *be* with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless thee. Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel *is* this? And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It *is* the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, that she tarried a little in the house. 'Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens: *let* thine eyes *be* on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of *that* which the young men have drawn. Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thine eyes, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I *am* a stranger? And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law

since the death of thine husband: and *how* thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not heretofore. The LORD 12 recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust. Then she said, Let me find favor in thy sight, my lord; for that 13 thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken friendly unto thine handmaid, though I be not like unto one of thine handmaidens. And Boaz said unto her, At meal-time come thou 14 hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers: and he reached her parched *corn*, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left. And when she was 15 risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not: and 16 let fall also *some* of the handfuls of purpose for her, and leave *them*, that she may glean *them*, and rebuke her not. So she 17 gleaned in the field until even, and beat out that she had gleaned: and it was about an ephah of barley.

AND she took *it* up, and went into the city: and her mother- 18 in-law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth, and gave to her that she had reserved after she was sufficed. And her mother-in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned 19 to-day? and where wroughtest thou? Blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she showed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day *is* Boaz. And Naomi said unto 20 her daughter-in-law, Blessed *be* he of the LORD, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man *is* near of kin unto us, one of our next kinsmen. And Ruth the Moabitess said, He said unto me also, 21 Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in- 22 law, *It is* good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, that they meet thee not in any other field. So she kept fast by 23 the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and dwelt with her mother-in-law.

THEN Naomi her mother-in-law said unto her, My daughter, 3 shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? And now *is* not Boaz of our kindred, with whose maidens thou 2 wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley to-night in the threshing-floor. Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy rai- 3 ment upon thee, and get thee down to the floor; *but* make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt 4 mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. And she said unto her, All that thou sayest unto 5 me I will do.

AND she went down unto the floor, and did according to all 6 that her mother-in-law bade her. And when Boaz had eaten 7 and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the

end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down. And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 'And he said, Who *art* thou? And she answered, I *am* Ruth, thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou *art* a near kinsman. And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter: for thou hast showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman. And now it is true that I *am thy* near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, *that* if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning.

AND she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Let it not be known that a woman came into the floor. Also he said, Bring the vail that *thou hast* upon thee, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley, and laid *it* on her: and she went into the city. And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who *art* thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, These six *measures* of barley gave he me; for he said to me, Go not empty unto thy mother-in-law. Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not be in rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

THEN went Boaz up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down. 'And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here. And they sat down. And he said unto the kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth a parcel of land, which *was* our brother Elimelech's: and I thought to advertise thee, saying, Buy *it* before the inhabitants, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem *it*, redeem *it*; but if thou wilt not redeem *it*, then tell me, that I may know: for *there is* none to redeem *it* beside thee: and I *am* after thee. And he said, I will redeem *it*. Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy *it* also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem *it* for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: redeem thou my right to thyself; for I cannot redeem *it*. Now this *was the manner* in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, for to confirm all things; a man plucked off his shoe, and gave *it* to his neighbor: and this *was* a testimony in Israel.

'Therefore the kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thee. So he 8
drew off his shoe. And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all 9
the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all
that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's,
of the hand of Naomi. Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife 10
of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name
of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be
not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his
place: ye are witnesses this day. And all the people that were 11
in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD
make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and
like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou
worthily in Ephratah, and be famous in Beth-lehem: and let thy 12
house be like the house of Pharez, whom Tamar bare unto
Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young
woman.

SO Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife: and when he went 13
in unto her, the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son.
And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which 14
hath not left thee this day without a kinsman, that his name may
be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of thy 15
life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter-in-law,
which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath
born him. And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, 16
and became nurse unto it. And the women her neighbors gave 17
it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they
called his name Obed: he is the father of Jesse, the father of
David.

Now these are the generations of Pharez: Pharez begat Hez- 18
ron, 'and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, 'and 19
Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, 'and 21
Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, 'and Obed begat 22
Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

THE FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL;

OTHERWISE CALLED,

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

NOW there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of 1
mount Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham,
the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zoph, an Ephrathite:
and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and 2
the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children,
but Hannah had no children.

And this man went up out of the city yearly to worship and 3
to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons
of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.

And when the time was that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: But unto Hannah he gave a worthy portion; for he loved Hannah: but the LORD had shut up her womb. And her adversary also provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her: therefore she wept, and did not eat. Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? Am not I better to thee than ten sons?

So Hannah rose up, after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid a man-child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. Count not thine handmaid for a daughter of Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and grief have I spoken hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace; and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him. And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.

And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her. Wherefore it came to pass, when the time was come about after Hannah had conceived, that she bare a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the LORD, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman abode, and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her,

with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, 24 and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the child *was* young. And they slew a bullock, and brought the 25 child to Eli. And she said, O my lord, *as* thy soul liveth, my 26 lord, I *am* the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me 27 my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have lent 28 him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he shall be lent to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

AND Hannah prayed, and said,

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My heart rejoiceth in the LORD.
Mine horn is exalted in the LORD:
My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
Because I rejoice in thy salvation.
2 *There is none* holy as the LORD:
For *there is none* beside thee:
Neither *is there* any rock like our God.
3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth:
For the LORD is a God of knowledge,
And by him actions are weighed.
4 The bows of the mighty men *are* broken,
And they that stumbled are girded with strength.
5 *They that were* full have hired out themselves for bread;
And *they that were* hungry ceased:
So that the barren hath born seven;
And she that hath many children is waxed feeble.

6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive:
He bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up.
7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich:
He bringeth low, and lifteth up.
8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill,
To set them among princes,
And to make them inherit the throne of glory:
For the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD'S,
And he hath set the world upon them.
9 He will keep the feet of his saints,
And the wicked shall be silent in darkness;
For by strength shall no man prevail.
10 The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken to pieces;
Out of heaven shall he thunder upon them:
The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth;
And he shall give strength unto his King,
And exalt the horn of his Anointed.

AND Elkanah went to Ramah to his house, and the child did 11 minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest. Now the sons of 12 Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD. And the 13 priest's custom with the people *was, that*, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand; and he struck 14 it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot: all that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. Also before they burnt 15 the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw. And *if* any man said unto him, Let 16 them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force. Where- 17 fore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

BUT Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded 18 with a linen ephod. Moreover his mother made him a little 19 coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. And Eli 20 blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home. And the LORD visited Han- 21 nah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress. If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the LORD, and also with men.

And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharach's house? And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in *my* habitation; and honorest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed, *that* thy house, and the house of thy fathers, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me: for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt see an enemy in *my* habitation, in all the *wealth* which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. And the man of thine, *whom* I shall not cut off from mine altar, *shall be* to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. And this *shall be* a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them. And I will raise me up a faithful priest, *that* shall do according to *that* which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine Anointed for ever. And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left in thine house shall come and crouch to him for a piece of silver and a morsel of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a piece of bread.

And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; *there was* no open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli *was* laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, *that* he could not see: and ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God *was*, and Samuel *was* laid down *to sleep*; that the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I.

I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he went and lay down. 'And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth. And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all *things* which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

AND Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here *am* I. 'And he said, What is the thing that *the* LORD hath said unto thee? I pray thee hide *it* not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide *any* thing from me of all the things that he said unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth him good. And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beersheba knew that Samuel *was* established to *be* a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of the LORD. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines pitched in Aphek. And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men. And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to-day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. So the people sent to Shiloh, that they might bring from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth be-

tween the cherubims: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. 5

AND when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What *meaneth* the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the LORD was come into the camp. And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods! these *are* the Gods that smote the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man into his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. 6 7 8 9 10 11

AND there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the way-side watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told *it*, all the city cried out. And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What *meaneth* the noise of this tumult? And the man came in hastily, and told Eli. Now Eli was ninety-and-eight years old; and his eyes were dim, that he could not see. And the man said unto Eli, *I am* he that came out of the army, and I fled to-day out of the army. And he said, What is there done, my son? And the messenger answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off the seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

AND his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, *near* to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed; for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death, the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast born a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard *it*. And she named the child I-chabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. And she said, The glory is departed from Israel: for the ark of God is taken. 19 20 21 22

AND the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon *was* fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of the LORD; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands *were* cut off upon the threshold: only *the stump of* Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod unto this day. But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with emerods, *even* Ashdod and the coasts thereof.

AND when the men of Ashdod saw that *it was* so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel about *thither*. And it was *so*, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and they had emerods in their secret parts.

THEREFORE they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to his own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that died not were smitten with the emerods: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

AND the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? tell us wherewith we shall send it to his place. And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any wise return him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. Then said they, What *shall be* the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? They answered, Five golden emerods, and five golden mice, *according to* the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague *was* on you all, and on your lords. Wherefore ye shall make images of your emerods, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will

lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: and take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass-offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. And see, if it goeth up by the way of his own coast to Beth-shemesh, *then* he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that *it is* not his hand *that* smote us; *it was* a chance *that* happened to us.

AND the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home: and they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their emerods. And the kine took the straight way to the way of Beth-shemesh, *and* went along the high-way, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left: and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Beth-shemesh. And *they of* Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see *it*. And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Beth-shemite, and stood there, where *there was* a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered the kine a burnt-offering unto the LORD. And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that *was* with it, wherein the jewels of gold *were*, and put *them* on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt-offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ekron the same day. And these *are* the golden emerods which the Philistines returned for a trespass-offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Askelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; and the golden mice, *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging to* the five lords, *both of* fenced cities, and of country villages, even unto the great *stone of* Abel, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD: *which stone remaineth* unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-shemite.

AND he smote the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten *many of* the people with a great slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? and to whom shall he go up from us? And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kirjath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, *and* fetch it up to you.

AND the men of Kirjath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark 7
of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in the
hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

AND it came to pass, while the ark abode in Kirjath-jearim, 2
that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the
house of Israel lamented after the LORD. And Samuel spake 3
unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the
LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and
Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the
LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the 4
hand of the Philistines. Then the children of Israel did put 4
away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. And 5
Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for
you unto the LORD. And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and 6
drew water, and poured *it* out before the LORD, and fasted on
that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD.
And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh.

AND when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel 7
were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines
went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard 8
it, they were afraid of the Philistines. And the children of 8
Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God
for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.
And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered *it* for a burnt- 9
offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the
LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. And as Samuel 10
was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew near to
battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great
thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them;
and they were smitten before Israel. And the men of Israel 11
went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote
them, until *they came* under Beth-car. Then Samuel took a stone, 12
and set *it* between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it
Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. So the 13
Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast
of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines
all the days of Samuel. And the cities which the Philistines 14
had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even
unto Gath; and the coasts thereof did Israel deliver out of the
hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel
and the Amorites.

AND Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. ' And he 15
went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and
Mizpeh, and judged Israel in all those places. And his return 17
was to Ramah; for there *was* his house; and there he judged
Israel; and there he built an altar unto the LORD.

AND it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his 8
sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his first-born was 2
Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: *they were* judges in
Beer-sheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned 3
aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

THEN all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, 4
 and came to Samuel unto Ramah, ' and said unto him, Behold, 5
 thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a
 king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased 6
 Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And
 Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto 7
 Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they
 say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have 8
 rejected me, that I should not reign over them. According to
 all the works which they have done since the day that I brought
 them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have
 forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee.
 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest 9
 solemnly unto them, and show them the manner of the king
 that shall reign over them.

AND Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people 10
 that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the man- 11
 ner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your
 sons, and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and *to be* his
 horsemen; and *some* shall run before his chariots. And he will 12
 appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties;
 and *will set them* to ear his ground, and to reap his harvest, and
 to make his instruments of war, and instruments of his chariots.
 And he will take your daughters *to be* confectionaries, and *to be* 13
 cooks, and *to be* bakers. And he will take your fields, and your 14
 vineyards, and your olive-yards, *even the best of them*, and give
them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, 15
 and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his ser-
 vants. And he will take your men-servants, and your maid- 16
 servants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put
them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye 17
 shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because 18
 of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD
 will not hear you in that day.

NEVERTHELESS the people refused to obey the voice of Sam- 19
 uel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; 'that 20
 we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge
 us, and go out before us, and fight our battles. And Samuel 21
 heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the
 ears of the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, Harken 22
 unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto
 the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name *was* Kish, 9
 the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son
 of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. And he had
 a son, whose name *was* Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly:
 and *there was* not among the children of Israel a goodlier person
 than he: from his shoulders and upward *he was* higher than
 any of the people.

AND the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said 3
 to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and

arise, go seek the asses. And he passed through mount Ephraim, 4
and passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found *them*
not: then they passed through the land of Shalim, and *there they*
were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but
they found *them* not. And when they were come to the land of 5
Zuph, Saul said to his servant that *was* with him, Come, and let
us return; lest my father leave *caring* for the asses, and take
thought for us. And he said unto him, Behold now, *there is* in 6
this city a man of God, and *he is* an honorable man; all that he
saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure
he can show us our way that we should go. Then said Saul to 7
his servant, But, behold, *if* we go, what shall we bring the man?
for the bread is spent in our vessels, and *there is* not a present
to bring to the man of God: what have we? And the servant 8
answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the
fourth part of a shekel of silver: *that* will I give to the man of
God, to tell us our way. (Beforetime in Israel, when a man 9
went to inquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to
the seer: for *he that is* now called a Prophet was beforetime
called a Seer.) Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, 10
let us go. So they went unto the city where the man of God
was. And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young 11
maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer
here? And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* 12
before you: make haste now, for he came to-day to the city; for
there is a sacrifice of the people to-day in the high place: as soon 13
as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before
he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat
until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* after-
wards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for
about this time ye shall find him.

And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come 14
into the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go
up to the high place. Now the LORD had told Samuel in his 15
ear a day before Saul came, saying, To-morrow about this time 16
I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou
shalt anoint him *to be* captain over my people Israel, that he may
save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have
looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me. And 17
when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said unto him, Behold the
man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my
people. Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, 18
Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house *is*. And Samuel 19
answered Saul, and said, I *am* the seer: go up before me unto
the high place; for ye shall eat with me to-day, and to-morrow
I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.
And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy 20
mind on them; for they are found. And on whom *is* all the de-
sire of Israel? *Is it* not on thee, and on all thy father's house?
And Saul answered and said, *Am* not I a Benjamite, of the 21
smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all

the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me? And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which *were* about thirty persons. And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. And the cook took up the shoulder, and *that* which *was* upon it, and set it before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, *and* eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

AND when they were come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* communed with Saul upon the top of the house. And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on.) but stand thou still awhile, that I may show thee the word of God. Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, *Is it* not because the LORD hath anointed thee *to be* captain over his inheritance? When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: and they will salute thee, and give thee two *loaves* of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands. After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where *is* the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a tabret, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy. And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, *that* thou do as occasion serve thee; for God *is* with thee. And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, *and* to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

AND it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God

came upon him, and he prophesied among them. And it came 11
to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he
prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to
another, What *is* this *that* is come unto the son of Kish? *Is* Saul
also among the prophets? And one of the same place answered 12
and said, But who *is* their father? Therefore it became a
proverb, *Is* Saul also among the prophets? And when he had 13
made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

AND Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither 14
went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw
that *they were* nowhere, we came to Samuel. And Saul's uncle 15
said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you. And 16
Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were
found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake,
he told him not.

AND Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to 17
Mizpeh: and said unto the children of Israel. Thus saith the 18
LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and del-
ivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the
hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you: and ye 19
have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of
all your adversities and your tribulations: and ye have said unto
him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present your-
selves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands.
And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come 20
near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. When he had caused 21
the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family
of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and
when they sought him, he could not be found. Therefore they 22
inquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come
thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself
among the stuff. And they ran and fetched him thence: and 23
when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the
people from his shoulders and upward. And Samuel said to all 24
the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that *there*
is none like him among all the people? And all the people
shouted, and said, God save the king. Then Samuel told the 25
people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote *it* in a book, and
laid *it* up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people
away, every man to his house. And Saul also went home to 26
Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts
God had touched. But the children of Belial, said, How shall 27
this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no
presents. But he held his peace.

THEN Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against 11
Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash,
Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. And Nahash 2
the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make a
covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and
lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel. And the elders of Jabesh 3
said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send mes-

sengers unto all the coasts of Israel: and then, if *there be* no
 man to save us, we will come out to thee. Then came the mes- 4
 sengers to Gibeah of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the
 people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept. And, 5
 behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field: and Saul
 said, What *aileth* the people that they weep? And they told
 him the tidings of the men of Jabesh. And the Spirit of God 6
 came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was
 kindled greatly. And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them 7
 in pieces, and sent *them* throughout all the coasts of Israel by
 the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth
 after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen.
 And the fear of the LORD fell on the people, and they came out
 with one consent. And when he numbered them in Bezek, the 8
 children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of
 Judah thirty thousand. And they said unto the messengers that 9
 came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To-
 morrow, by *that time* the sun be hot, ye shall have help. And
 the messengers came and showed *it* to the men of Jabesh; and
 they were glad. Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To-morrow 10
 we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that
 seemeth good unto you. And it was *so* on the morrow, that Saul 11
 put the people in three companies: and they came into the midst
 of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites
 until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which
 remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left
 together.

AND the people said unto Samuel, Who *is* he that said, Shall 12
 Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to
 death. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death 13
 this day; for to-day the LORD hath wrought salvation in Israel.

THEN said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, 14
 and renew the kingdom there. And all the people went to 15
 Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in
 Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace-offerings
 before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel re-
 joiced greatly.

AND Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened 12
 unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king
 over you. And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and 2
 I am old and grey-headed; and, behold, my sons *are* with you:
 and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.
 Behold, here *I am*: witness against me before the LORD, and 3
 before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have
 I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed?
 or of whose hand have I received *any* bribe to blind mine eyes
 therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast 4
 not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught
 of any man's hand. And he said unto them, The LORD *is* 5
 witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye

have not found aught in my hand. And they answered, *He is* witness.

AND Samuel said unto the people, *It is* the LORD that advanced Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before the LORD, of all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he did to you and to your fathers. When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, which brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them dwell in this place. And when they forgot the LORD their God, he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth; but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe. And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God *was* your king. Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, the LORD hath set a king over you. If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye, and also the king that reigneth over you, continue following the LORD your God: but if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as *it was* against your fathers. Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD will do before your eyes. *Is it* not wheat harvest to-day? I will call unto the LORD, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the LORD: and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask us a king. And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart: and turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; for they *are* vain. For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people. Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 'only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider

how great *things* he hath done for you. But if ye shall still do 25
wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

SAUL reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years 13
over Israel, 'Saul chose him three thousand *men* of Israel; *where-* 2
of two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount
Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Ben-
jamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

AND Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that *was* in 3
Geba, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trum-
pet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. And 4
all Israel heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the Phi-
listines, and *that* Israel also was had in abomination with the
Philistines. And the people were called together after Saul to
Gilgal. And the Philistines gathered themselves together to 5
fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horse-
men, and people as the sand which *is* on the sea-shore in multi-
tude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward
from Beth-aven. When the men of Israel saw that they were 6
in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did
hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in
high places, and in pits. And *some of* the Hebrews went over 7
Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he *was* yet
in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

AND he tarried seven days, according to the set time that 8
Samuel *had appointed*: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the
people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring hither a 9
burnt-offering to me, and peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-
offering. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end 10
of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul
went out to meet him, that he might salute him. And Samuel 11
said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the
people were scattered from me, and *that* thou camest not within
the days appointed, and *that* the Philistines gathered themselves
together at Michmash; therefore said I, The Philistines will 12
come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made sup-
plication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered
a burnt-offering. And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done 13
foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD
thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD
have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. But now 14
thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a
man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him
to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept *that*
which the LORD commanded thee.

AND Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah 15
of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people *that were* present
with him, about six hundred men. And Saul, and Jonathan his 16
son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in
Gibeah of Benjamin.

BUT the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 'And the spoilers 17
came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one

company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto the land of Shual: and another company turned the way to Beth- 18
horon: and another company turned to the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of 19
Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make *them* swords or spears: but all the Israelites went down to the Phi- 20
listines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his ax, and his mattock. Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and 21
for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there 22
was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with Jonathan his son was there found.

AND the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of 23
Michmash. Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the 24
son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that *is* on the other side. But he told not his father. 'And Saul tarried in the utter- 2
most part of Gibeah, under a pomegranate tree which *is* in Migron: and the people that *were* with him *were* about six hundred men; and Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, I-chabod's brother, the son 3
of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD'S priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to 4
go over unto the Philistines' garrison, *there was* a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one *was* Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. The 5
fore-front of the one *was* situate northward over-against Michmash, and the other southward over-against Gibeah. And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let 6
us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for *there is* no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few. And his armor-bearer said 7
unto him, Do all that *is* in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I *am* with thee according to thy heart. Then said Jonathan, Behold, 8
we will pass over unto *these* men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to 9
you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we 10
will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this *shall be* a sign unto us. And both of them discovered 11
themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. And the men of the garrison answered 12
Jonathan and his armor-bearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armor-bearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. And Jonathan climbed up upon his 13
hands and upon his feet, and his armor-bearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armor-bearer slew after him.

And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armor-bearer 14
made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of
land, *which a yoke of oxen might plow.*

AND there was trembling in the host, in the field, and among 15
all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled,
and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling. And 16
the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, be-
hold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating
down *one another.*

THEN said Saul unto the people that *were* with him, Number 17
now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had num-
bered, behold Jonathan and his armor-bearer *were not there.*
'And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For 18
the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.
And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the 19
noise that *was* in the host of the Philistines went on and in-
creased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.
And Saul and all the people that *were* with him assembled 20
themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every
man's sword was against his fellow, *and there was* a very great
discomfiture. Moreover the Hebrews *that were* with the Phi- 21
listines before that time, which went up with them into the camp
from the country round about, even they also *turned* to be with
the Israelites that *were* with Saul and Jonathan. Likewise all 22
the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim,
when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed
hard after them in the battle. So the LORD saved Israel that 23
day: and the battle passed over unto Beth-aven.

AND the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had 24
adjured the people, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any*
food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. So
none of the people tasted *any* food. And all *they of* the land 25
came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground. And 26
when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey
dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people
feared the oath. But Jonathan heard not when his father charged 27
the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the
rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and
put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. Then 28
answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged
the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth
any food this day. And the people were faint. 'Then said Jon- 29
athan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how
mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of
this honey. How much more, if haply the people had eaten 30
freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found?
for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the
Philistines? And they smote the Philistines that day from Mich- 31
mash to Aijalon: and the people were very faint. And the 32
people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves,
and slew *them* on the ground; and the people did eat *them* with

the blood. Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin 33
against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood. And he said,
Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day. And 34
Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto
them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his
sheep, and slay *them* here, and eat; and sin not against the
LORD in eating with the blood. And all the people brought
every man his ox with him that night, and slew *them* there.
And Saul built an altar unto the LORD: the same was the first 35
altar that he built unto the LORD.

AND Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, 36
and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a
man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto
thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God.
And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Phi- 37
listines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But he
answered him not that day. And Saul said, Draw ye near hither, 38
all the chief of the people; and know and see wherein this sin
hath been this day. For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Is- 39
rael, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But
there was not a man among all the people *that* answered him.
Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jon- 40
athan my son will be on the other side. And the people said
unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. Therefore Saul 41
said unto the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect lot. And Saul
and Jonathan were taken: but the people escaped. And Saul 42
said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan
was taken. Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou 43
hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but taste a
little honey with the end of the rod that *was* in mine hand, and
lo, I must die. And Saul answered, God do so, and more also: 44
for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. And the people said unto 45
Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation
in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one
hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with
God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.
Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Phi- 46
listines went to their own place.

So Saul took the kingdom over Israel, and fought against all 47
his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children
of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah,
and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned him-
self, he vexed *them*. And he gathered an host, and smote the 48
Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that
spoiled them. Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishui, 49
and Melchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters *were these*;
the name of the first-born Merab, and the name of the younger
Michal: and the name of Saul's wife *was* Ahinoam, the daugh- 50
ter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host *was*
Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. And Kish *was* the father 51
of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner *was* the son of Abiel. And 52

there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

SAMUEL also said unto Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint **15**
 thee *to be* king over his people, over Israel: now therefore
 hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the LORD. Thus **2**
 saith the LORD of hosts, I remember *that* which Amalek did to
 Israel, how he laid *wait* for him in the way, when he came up
 from Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all **3**
 that they have, and spare them not: but slay both man and
 woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. And **4**
 Saul gathered the people together, and numbered them in Te-
 laim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of
 Judah. And Saul came to a city of Amalek, and laid wait in **5**
 the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you **6**
 down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them;
 for ye showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they
 came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among
 the Amalekites. And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah **7**
until thou comest to Shur, *that is* over-against Egypt. And he **8**
 took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed
 all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the **9**
 people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen,
 and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and
 would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile
 and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

THEN came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, ' It **10**
 repenteth me that I have set up Saul *to be* king: for he is turned
 back from following me, and hath not performed my command-
 ments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD
 all night. And when Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the **12**
 morning, it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and,
 behold, he set him up a place, and is gone about, and passed on,
 and gone down to Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul **13**
 said unto him, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD: I have performed
 the commandment of the LORD. And Samuel said, What **14**
meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the
 lowing of the oxen which I hear? And Saul said, They have **15**
 brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the
 best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD
 thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. Then Samuel **16**
 said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath
 said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. ' And **17**
 Samuel said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou
 not *made* the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed
 thee king over Israel? And the LORD sent thee on a journey, **18**
 and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and
 fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then **19**
 didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon
 the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul **20**
 said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD,

and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and 21 oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And 22 Samuel said, Hath, the LORD *as great* delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey *is* better than sacrifice, *and* to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness 23 *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king. And 24 Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray 25 thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return 26 with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And 27 as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The 28 LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, *that is* better than thou. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he *is* 29 not a man, that he should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: 30 *yet* honor me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and 31 Saul worshipped the LORD.

THEN said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of 32 the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, 33 As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.

THEN Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his 34 house to Gibeah of Saul. And Samuel came no more to see 35 Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul.

AND the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over 36 Israel. And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou 16 mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear *it*, he will kill 2 me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. And call Jesse to the sacri- 3 fice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did 4 that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice 5

unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him; for *the LORD seeth* not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this *is* he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring *him* to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, *that is* cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and the LORD *is* with him. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, *which is* with the sheep. And Jesse took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son unto Saul. And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armor-bearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favor in my sight. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which *belongeth* to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammin. And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in

array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on a 3
mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the
other side: and *there was* a valley between them. And there 4
went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named
Goliath, of Gath, whose height *was* six cubits and a span. And 5
he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and *he was* armed with
a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand 6
shekels of brass. And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs, and
a target of brass between his shoulders. And the staff of his 7
spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed*
six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went be-
fore him. And he stood and cried unto the armies of Israel, and 8
said unto them, Why are ye come out to set *your* battle in array?
am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a 9
man for you, and let him come down to me. If he be able to
fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but
if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our ser-
vants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I defy the armies 10
of Israel this day: give me a man, that we may fight together.
When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, 11
they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

Now David *was* the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem- 12
judah, whose name *was* Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the
man went among men *for* an old man in the days of Saul. And 13
the three eldest sons of Jesse went *and* followed Saul to the
battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle
were Eliab the first-born, and next unto him Abinadab, and the 14
third Shammah. And David *was* the youngest: and the three eldest 15
followed Saul. But David went and returned from Saul to feed
his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. And the Philistine drew near 16
morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. And 17
Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an
ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the
camp to thy brethren; and carry these ten cheeses unto the 18
captain of *their* thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and
take their pledge. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, 19
were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. And 20
David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a
keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and
he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight,
and shouted for the battle. For Israel and the Philistines had 21
put the battle in array, army against army. And David left his 22
carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into
the army, and came and saluted his brethren. And as he talked 23
with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine
of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines,
and spake according to the same words: and David heard *them*.
And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from 24
him, and were sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have 25
ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he
come up: and it shall be, *that* the man who killeth him, the

king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. And 26 David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God? And the 27 people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him. And Eliab his eldest brother 28 heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. And David 29 said, What have I now done? *Is there* not a cause? ' And he 30 turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

AND when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed *them* before Saul: and he sent for him. And David 31 said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to 32 David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his 33 father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: and I went out after him, and smote him, 34 and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. David said moreover, The 35 LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee. And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put 36 an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his armor, and 37 he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And David put them off him.

AND he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth 40 stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and 41 drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw 42 David, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, 43 *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to 44 David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of

the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the 45
Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear,
and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD
of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast de-
fied. This day will the LORD deliver thee into mine hand; 46
and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I
will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto
the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all
the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. And all this 47
assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and
spear: for the battle is the LORD'S, and he will give you into
our hands. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and 48
came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran
toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his 49
hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote
the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his fore-
head; and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David pre- 50
vailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and
smote the Philistine, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in
the hand of David. Therefore David ran, and stood upon the 51
Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath
thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And
when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.
And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and 52
pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the
gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down
by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. And 53
the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines,
and they spoiled their tents. And David took the head of the 54
Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armor in
his tent.

AND when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he 55
said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is
this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I can-
not tell. And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the strip- 56
pling is. And as David returned from the slaughter of the Phi- 57
listine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul, with the
head of the Philistine in his hand. And Saul said to him, Whose 58
son art thou, *thou* young man? And David answered, *I am* the
son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite. And it came to pass, 59
when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul
of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan
loved him as his own soul. And Saul took him that day, and 2
would let him go no more home to his father's house. Then 3
Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as
his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that 4
was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to
his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. And David went 5
out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely:
and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in
the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's ser-

vants. And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music. And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed *but* thousands: and *what* can he have more but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

AND it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand. And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall *with it*. And David avoided out of his presence twice. And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul. Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD *was* with him. Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

AND Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD'S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him. And David said unto Saul, Who *am* I? and what *is* my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king? But it came to pass, at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the Meholathite to wife. And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law in *the one of* the twain. And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son-in-law. And Saul's servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king's son-in-law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed? And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son-in-law: and the days were not

expired. Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, 27
and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David
brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the
king, that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave
him Michal his daughter to wife. And Saul saw and knew that 28
the LORD *was* with David, and *that* Michal Saul's daughter
loved him. And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and 29
Saul became David's enemy continually. Then the princes 30
of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went
forth, *that* David behaved himself more wisely than all the ser-
vants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

AND Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, 19
that they should kill David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted 2
much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my
father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take
heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*,
and hide thyself: and I will go out and stand beside my father 3
in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father
of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee. And Jonathan 4
spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let
not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he
hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been*
to thee-ward very good: for he did put his life in his hand, and 5
slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation
for all Israel: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice; wherefore then
wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a
cause? And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul 6
swore, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain. And Jonathan 7
called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things: and
Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence,
as in times past.

AND there was war again: and David went out, and fought 8
with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and
they fled from him. And the evil spirit from the LORD was 9
upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand:
and David played with *his* hand. And Saul sought to smite 10
David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away
out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall:
and David fled, and escaped that night. Saul also sent messengers 11
unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morn-
ing: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not
thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain. So Michal let 12
David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and
escaped. And Michal took an image, and laid *it* in the bed, and 13
put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a
cloth. And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, 14
He *is* sick. And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, 15
saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. And 16
when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image
in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster. And Saul 17
said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away

mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go: why should I kill thee?

SO David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah. 18 and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. And it was told Saul, saying, Be- 19 hold, David *is* at Naioth in Ramah. And Saul sent messengers 20 to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, 21 and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then went he also to 22 Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in 23 Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he 24 stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

AND David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said 20 before Jonathan, What have I done? what *is* mine iniquity? and what *is* my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? And he said unto him, God forbid: thou shalt not die: behold, 2 my father will do nothing, either great or small, but that he will show it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it *is* not so. And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father 3 certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes: and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly, as the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, *there is* but a 4 step between me and death. Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do *it* for thee. And 5 David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow *is* the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third *day* at even. If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked 6 leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for *there is* a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. If he say thus, *It is* 7 well: thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him. Therefore thou 8 shalt deal kindly with thy servant: for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the LORD with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself: for why shouldest thou bring me to thy father? And Jonathan said, Far be it from 9 thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? Then said 10 David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what *if* thy father answer thee roughly? And Jonathan said unto David, Come, 11 and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. And Jonathan said unto David, O LORD 12 God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to-morrow

any time, or the third day, and, behold, *if there be good toward* David, and I then send not unto thee, and show it thee; the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan: but if it please my father *to do thee evil*, then I will show it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the LORD be with thee, as he hath been with my father. And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the kindness of the LORD, that I die not; but *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the LORD hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, Let the LORD even require it at the hand of David's enemies. And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul. Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. And when thou hast stayed three days, then thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. And, behold, I will send a lad, saying, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for there is peace to thee, and no hurt; as the LORD liveth. But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way: for the LORD hath sent thee away. And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD be between thee and me for ever. So David hid himself in the field.

AND when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat. And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon a seat by the wall: and Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean. And it came to pass on the morrow, which was the second day of the month, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day? And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem: and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favor in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table. Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die. And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore

shall he be slain? what hath he done? And Saul cast a javelin 33
 at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was de-
 termined of his father to slay David. So Jonathan arose from 34
 the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day
 of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father
 had done him shame. And it came to pass in the morning, that 35
 Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with Da-
 vid, and a little lad with him. And he said unto his lad, Run, 36
 find out now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he
 shot an arrow beyond him. And when the lad was come to the 37
 place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried
 after the lad, and said, *Is not the arrow beyond thee?* And 38
 Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And
 Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David 39
 knew the matter. And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, 40
 and said unto him, Go, carry *them* to the city. And as soon as the 41
 lad was gone, David arose out of *a place* toward the south, and
 fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times:
 and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until
 David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, 42
 forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the
 LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between
 my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed:
 and Jonathan went into the city.

THEN came David to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest: and 21
 Ahimelech was afraid at the meeting of David, and said unto
 him, Why *art* thou alone, and no man with thee? And David 2
 said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me
 a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing
 of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have com-
 manded thee: and I have appointed *my* servants to such and
 such a place. Now therefore what is under thine hand? give 3
me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.
 And the priest answered David, and said, *There is* no common 4
 bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the
 young men have kept themselves at least from women. And 5
 David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women
have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and
 the vessels of the young men are holy, and *the bread is* in a man-
 ner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.
 So the priest gave him hallowed bread: for there was no bread 6
 there but the show-bread, that was taken from before the LORD,
 to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away. Now a 7
 certain man of the servants of Saul *was* there that day, detained
 before the LORD; and his name *was* Doeg, an Edomite, the
 chiefest of the herdmen that *belonged* to Saul. And David said 8
 unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear
 or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons
 with me, because the king's business required haste. And the 9
 priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou

slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it *is here* wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for *there is* no other save that here. And David said, *There is* none like that; give it me.

AND David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went 10 to Achish, the king of Gath. And the servants of Achish said 11 unto him, *Is not this* David the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? And David laid up 12 these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned 13 himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. Then said 14 Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore *then* have ye brought him to me? Have I need of madmen, that 15 ye have brought this *fellow* to play the madman in my presence? shall this *fellow* come into my house?

DAVID therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave 22 Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down thither to him. And every one *that* 2- *was* in distress, and every one that *was* in debt, and every one *that was* discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

AND David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto 3 the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, *and be* with you, till I know what God will do for me. And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they 4 dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold. And 5 the prophet Gad said unto David. Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

WHEN Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men 6 that *were* with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him;) then Saul said unto his servants that stood 7 about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; that all of you 8 have conspired against me, and *there is* none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over 9 the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And he inquired of the 10 LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. Then the king sent to call Ahimelech 11 the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that *were* in Nob: and they came all of them to the king. 12 And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, 12

Here I *am*, my lord. And Saul said unto him, Why have ye 13
 conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou
 hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast inquired of God for
 him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?
 Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so 14
 faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's
 son-in-law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honorable in thine
 house? Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? be it far 15
 from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant,
nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing
 of all this, less or more. And the king said, Thou shalt surely 16
 die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house. And the king 17
 said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the
 priests of the LORD; because their hand also *is* with David,
 and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me.
 But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to
 fall upon the priests of the LORD. And the king said to Doeg, 18
 Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite
 turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day four-
 score-and-five persons that did wear a linen ephod. And Nob, 19
 the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword,
 both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and
 asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

AND one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named 20
 Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. And Abiathar showed 21
 David that Saul had slain the LORD'S priests. And David said 22
 unto Abiathar, I knew *it* that day, when Doeg the Edomite *was*
 there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned *the death*
 of all the persons of thy father's house. Abide thou with me, 23
 fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with
 me thou *shalt be* in safeguard.

THEN they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight 23
 against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors. Therefore 2
 David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these
 Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go and smite the
 Philistines, and save Keilah. And David's men said unto him, 3
 Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if
 we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines? Then 4
 David inquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD an-
 swered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will de-
 liver the Philistines into thine hand. So David and his men 5
 went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought
 away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So
 David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. And it came to pass, 6
 when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah,
that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

AND it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And 7
 Saul said, God hath delivered him into mine hand: for he is shut
 in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. And Saul 8
 called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to
 besiege David and his men. And David knew that Saul secretly 9

practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. Then said David, O LORD God 10 of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. Will the men 11 of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my 12 men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up. Then David and his men, *which were* about six 13 hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

AND David abode in the wilderness in strong holds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand. And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life; and 15 David *was* in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood. And Jonathan 16 Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. And he said unto him, Fear not; for the 17 hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. And they two made a covenant be- 18 fore the LORD: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

THEN came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth 19 not David hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which *is* on the south of Jeshimon? Now, 20 therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part *shall be* to deliver him into the king's hand. And Saul said, Blessed *be* ye of the LORD; 21 for ye have compassion on me. Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and 22 know and see his place where his haunt is, *and* who hath seen him there: for it is told me *that* he dealeth very subtilly. See 23 therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah. And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: 24

BUT David and his men *were* in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south of Jeshimon. Saul also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told David: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard *that*, he pursued after David in the wilderness of Maon. And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David 26 and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them. But there 27 came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land. Wherefore Saul returned 28

from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth.

AND David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds 29
at En-gedi. And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from 24
following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold,
David is in the wilderness of En-gedi. Then Saul took three 2
thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David
and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. And he came 3
to the sheepcotes by the way, where *was* a cave; and Saul went
in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the
sides of the cave. And the men of David said unto him, Be- 4
hold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will
deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him
as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off
the skirt of Saul's robe privily. And it came to pass afterward, 5
that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.
And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do 6
this thing unto my master, the LORD'S anointed, to stretch forth
my hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.
So David stayed his servants with these words, and suffered 7
them not to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave,
and went on *his* way. David also arose afterward, and went 8
out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king.
And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face
to the earth, and bowed himself. And David said to Saul, 9
Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David
seeketh thy hurt? Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that 10
the LORD hath delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave:
and *some* bade *me* kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I
said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord: for he is
the LORD'S anointed. Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the 11
skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy
robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that *there is* neither
evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned
against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it. The LORD 12
judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee:
but mine hand shall not be upon thee. As saith the proverb of 13
the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine
hand shall not be upon thee. After whom is the king of Israel 14
come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after
a flea. The LORD therefore be judge, and judge between me 15
and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of
thine hand. And it came to pass, when David had made an end 16
of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, *Is* this thy
voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.
And he said to David, Thou *art* more righteous than I: for thou 17
hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.
And thou hast showed this day how that thou hast dealt well 18
with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into
thine hand, thou killedst me not. For if a man find his enemy, 19
will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward

thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day. And now, 20
behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that
the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. Swear 21
now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off
my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of
my father's house. ' And David swore unto Saul. And Saul 22
went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

AND Samuel died, and all the Israelites were gathered together, 25
and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah.

AND David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.
And *there was* a man in Maon, whose possessions *were* in Carmel: 2
and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep,
and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in Carmel.
Now the name of the man *was* Nabal: and the name of his wife 3
Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a
beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in
his doings: and he *was* of the house of Caleb. And David heard 4
in the wilderness that Nabal did shear his sheep. And David 5
sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men,
Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my
name: and thus shall ye say to him that liveth *in prosperity*, 6
Peace *be* both to thee, and peace *be* to thine house, and peace *be*
unto all that thou hast. And now I have heard that thou hast 7
shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt
them not, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the
while they were in Carmel. Ask thy young men, and they will 8
show thee. Wherefore let the young men find favor in thine
eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever
cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son David.
And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal ac- 9
cording to all those words in the name of David, and ceased.
And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? 10
and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now-a-days
that break away every man from his master. Shall I then take 11
my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my
shearers, and give *it* unto men whom I know not whence they
be? So David's young men turned their way, and went again, 12
and came and told him all those sayings. And David said unto 13
his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on
every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and
there went up after David about four hundred men; and two
hundred abode by the stuff. But one of the young men told 14
Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out
of the wilderness to salute our master: and he railed on them.
But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, 15
neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant
with them, when we were in the fields: they were a wall unto 16
us both by night and day, all the while we were with them
keeping the sheep. Now therefore know and consider what 17
thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and
against all his household: for he *is such* a son of Belial, that a

man cannot speak to him. Then Abigail made haste, and took 18
two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep
ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hun-
dred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid
them on asses. And she said unto her servants, Go on before 19
me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband
Nabal. And it was *so*, *as* she rode on the ass, that she came 20
down by the covert of the hill, and behold, David and his men
came down against her; and she met them. Now David had 21
said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this *fellow* hath in the
wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *pertained* unto
him: and he hath requited me evil for good. So and more also 22
do God unto the enemies of David, if I leave of all that *pertain*
to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.
And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and lighted off the ass, 23
and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the
ground, 'and fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* 24
me, *let this iniquity be*: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak
in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid. Let 25
not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even* Nabal:
for as his name *is*, so *is* he; Nabal *is* his name, and folly *is* with
him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord,
whom thou didst send. Now therefore, my lord, *as* the LORD 26
liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, seeing the LORD hath withholden
thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging thyself with
thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil
to my lord, be as Nabal. And now this blessing, which thine 27
handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto
the young men that follow my lord. I pray thee, forgive the 28
trespass of thine handmaid: for the LORD will certainly make
my lord a sure house; because my lord fighteth the battles of
the LORD, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.
Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the 29
soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the
LORD thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he
sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling. And it shall come to 30
pass, when the LORD shall have done to my lord, according to
all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have
appointed thee ruler over Israel; that this shall be no grief unto 31
thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed
blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but when
the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember
thine handmaid. And David said to Abigail, Blessed *be* the 32
LORD God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: and 33
blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me
this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself
with mine own hand. For in very deed, *as* the LORD God of 34
Israel liveth, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except
thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not
been left unto Nabal by the morning light any that pisseth
against the wall. So David received of her hand *that* which she 35

had brought him, and said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart *was* merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, and his wife had told him these things, that his heart died within him, and he became *as a stone*. And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that the LORD smote Nabal, that he died. And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed *be* the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head.

AND David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife. And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. And she arose and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, Behold, *let* thine handmaid *be* a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. And Abigail hastied, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of her's that went after her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife. David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives. But Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

AND the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon? Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, *which is* before Jeshimon, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come in very deed. And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him. Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruiah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee. 'So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but Abner and the people lay round about him. Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear, even to the earth at once, and I will not *smite* him the second time. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S

anointed, and be guiltless? David said furthermore, As the LORD 10
 liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die;
 or he shall descend into battle, and perish. The LORD forbid 11
 that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S
 anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at
 his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go. So David took 12
 the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster: and they
 gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked:
 for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the LORD
 was fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side, 13
 and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* be-
 tween them: and David cried to the people, and to Abner the 14
 son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner
 answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king? And 15
 David said to Abner, *Art* not thou a *valiant* man? and who is
 like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord
 the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king
 thy lord. 'This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the 16
 LORD liveth, ye *are* worthy to die, because ye have not kept
 your master, the LORD'S anointed. And now see where the
 king's spear is, and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.
 And Saul knew David's voice, and said, *Is* this thy voice, my 17
 son David? And David said, *It is* my voice, my lord, O king.
 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his ser- 18
 vant? for what have I done? or what evil *is* in mine hand?
 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words 19
 of his servant. If the LORD have stirred thee up against me, let
 him accept an offering: but if *they be* the children of men,
 cursed *be* they before the LORD; for they have driven me out
 this day from abiding in the inheritance of the LORD, saying,
 Go, serve other gods. Now therefore, let not my blood fall to 20
 the earth before the face of the LORD: for the king of Israel is
 come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the
 mountains. Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son Da- 21
 vid: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was pre-
 cious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and
 have erred exceedingly. And David answered and said, Be- 22
 hold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over
 and fetch it. The LORD render to every man his righteousness 23
 and his faithfulness: for the LORD delivered thee into *my* hand
 to-day, but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the
 LORD'S anointed. And, behold, as thy life was much set by 24
 this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes
 of the LORD, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. Then 25
 Saul said to David, Blessed *be* thou, my son David: thou shalt
 both do great *things*, and also shalt still prevail. So David went
 on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

AND David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by 27
 the hand of Saul: *there is* nothing better for me than that I should
 speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall
 despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so

shall I escape out of his hand. And David arose, and he passed 2
over with the six hundred men that *were* with him unto Achish,
the son of Maach, king of Gath. And David dwelt with Achish 3
at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, *even*
David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail
the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. And it was told Saul that David 4
was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him. And 5
David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine
eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that
I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the
royal city with thee? Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: 6
wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this
day. And the time that David dwelt in the country of the Phi- 7
listines was a full year and four months. And David and his 8
men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gezrites, and
the Amalekites: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of
the land, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt.
And David smote the land, and left neither man nor woman 9
alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and
the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish.
And Achish said, Whither have ye made a road to-day? and 10
David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of
the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. And 11
David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to
Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David,
and so *will be* his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country
of the Philistines. And Achish believed David, saying, He 12
hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he
shall be my servant for ever.

AND it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered 23
their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish
said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out
with me to battle, thou and thy men. And David said to Achish, 2
Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish
said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head
for ever. Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented 3
him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul
had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out
of the land.

AND the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came 4
and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together,
and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of 5
the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered 6
him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a 7
familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his
servants said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman that hath a
familiar spirit at En-dor.

AND Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he 8
went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by

night : and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar
 spirit, and bring me *him* up, whom I shall name unto thee. And 9
 the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath
 done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and
 the wizards, out of the land : wherefore then layest thou a snare
 for my life, to cause me to die ? And Saul sware to her by the 10
 LORD, saying, *As the LORD liveth*, there shall no punishment
 happen to thee for this thing. Then said the woman, Whom 11
 shall I bring up unto thee ? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice : 12
 and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived
 me ? for thou *art* Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not 13
 afraid : for what sawest thou ? And the woman said unto Saul,
 I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, 14
 What form *is* he of ? And she said, An old man cometh up ; and
 he *is* covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it *was*
 Samuel, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed
 himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted 15
 me, to bring me up ? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed ;
 for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed
 from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor
 by dreams : therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make
 known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore 16
 then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from
 thee, and is become thine enemy ? And the LORD hath done to 17
 him, as he spake by me : for the LORD hath rent the kingdom
 out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbor, *even* to David :
 because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor exe- 18
 cutedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD
 done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will 19
 also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines :
 and to-morrow *shalt* thou and thy sons *be* with me ; the LORD
 also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philis-
 tines. Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and 20
 was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel : and there
 was no strength in him ; for he had eaten no bread all the day,
 nor all the night. And the woman came unto Saul, and saw 21
 that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine hand-
 maid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my
 hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest
 unto me. Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto 22
 the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread
 before thee ; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou
 goest on thy way. ' But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But 23
 his servants, together with the woman, compelled him ; and he
 hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat
 upon the bed. And the woman had a fat calf in the house ; and 24
 she hasted, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded *it*, and did
 bake unleavened bread thereof : and she brought *it* before Saul, 25
 and before his servants ; and they did eat. Then they arose up,
 and went away that night.

Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies, to **29**
Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jez-
reel. And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, **2**
and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the
rereward with Achish. Then said the princes of the Philistines, **3**
What *do* these Hebrews *here*? And Achish said unto the princes
of the Philistines, *Is not this David, the servant of Saul the*
king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these
years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto
this day? And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with **4**
him: and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make
this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou
hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest
in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he
reconcile himself unto his master? *should it not be with the*
heads of these men? *Is not this David, of whom they sang one* **5**
to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David
his ten thousands? Then Achish called David, and said unto **6**
him, Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and
thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in
my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy
coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favor thee
not. Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease **7**
not the lords of the Philistines. And David said unto Achish, **8**
But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant
so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go
fight against the enemies of my lord the king? And Achish an- **9**
swered and said to David, I know that thou *art* good in my
sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding, the princes of the
Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.
Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's **10**
servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early
in the morning, and have light, depart. So David and his men **11**
rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of
the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

AND it came to pass, when David and his men were come to **30**
Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the
south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;
'and had taken the women captives, that *were* therein: they slew **2**
not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went
on their way. So David and his men came to the city, and, be- **3**
hold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons,
and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the **4**
people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until
they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were **5**
taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife
of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed; for **6**
the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the
people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daugh-
ters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. And **7**
David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee,

bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David inquired at the LORD, saying, 8
 Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake *them*, and without fail recover *all*. So David went, he and the six hundred 9
 men that *were* with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. But David pursued, he and 10
 four hundred men: for two hundred abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

AND they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to 11
 David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water; and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two 12
 clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights. And David said unto him, To whom *be-* 13
longest thou? and whence *art* thou? And he said, I *am* a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick. We made an invasion 14
upon the south of the Cherethites, and upon *the coast* which *be-*
longeth to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. And David said to him, Canst thou bring me 15
 down to this company? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company. And 16
 when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Phi- 17
 listines, and out of the land of Judah. And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled. And David recovered all 18
 that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither 19
 small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: David recovered all. And 20
 David took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* David's spoil.

AND David came to the two hundred men, which were so 21
 faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when David came near to the people, he saluted them. Then answered 22
 all the wicked men and *men* of Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart. Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my 23
 brethren, with that which the LORD hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand. For who will hearken unto you in this matter? 24
 but as his part *is* that goeth down to the battle, so *shall* his part

be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike. And it was 25
so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordi-
nance for Israel unto this day.

And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the 26
elders of Judah, *even* to his friends, saying. Behold a present for
you of the spoil of the enemies of the LORD; to *them* which 27
were in Beth-el, and to *them* which *were* in south Ramoth, and
to *them* which *were* in Jattir, and to *them* which *were* in Aroer, 28
and to *them* which *were* in Siphmoth, and to *them* which *were* in
Eshtemoa, 'and to *them* which *were* in Rachal, and to *them* which 29
were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to *them* which *were*
in the cities of the Kenites, and to *them* which *were* in Hormah, 30
and to *them* which *were* in Chor-ashan, and to *them* which *were*
in Athach, 'and to *them* which *were* in Hebron, and to all the 31
places where David himself, and his men, were wont to haunt.

Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Is-31
rael fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount
Gilboa. And the Philistines, followed hard upon Saul and upon 2
his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and
Malchi-shua, Saul's sons. And the battle went sore against Saul, 3
and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.
Then said Saul unto his armorbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust 4
me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust
me through, and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not;
for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword, and fell 5
upon it. And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, 6
he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him. So Saul 7
died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men,
that same day together. And when the men of Israel that *were* 8
on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other
side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and
his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the
Philistines came and dwelt in them. And it came to pass on 9
the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that
they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. And 10
they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into
the land of the Philistines round about, to publish *it* in the house
of their idols, and among the people. And they put his armor in 11
the house of Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall
of Beth-shan. And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard 12
of that which the Philistines had done to Saul; all the valiant 13
men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the
bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and came to Jabesh,
and burnt them there. And they took their bones, and buried 13
them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL,

OTHERWISE CALLED,

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

NOW it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David **1**
 was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David
 had abode two days in Ziklag; it came even to pass on the third **2**
 day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his
 clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he
 came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance. And **3**
 David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said
 unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. And David **4**
 said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me.
 And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and
 many of the people also are fallen dead; and Saul and Jonathan
 his son are dead also. And David said unto the young man **5**
 that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his
 son be dead? And the young man that told him said, As I hap- **6**
 pened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon
 his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after
 him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called **7**
 unto me. And I answered, Here *am* I. ' And he said unto me, **8**
 Who *art* thou? And I answered him, I *am* an Amalekite. ' He **9**
 said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me.
 for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in
 me. So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that **10**
 he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown
 that *was* upon his head, and the bracelet that *was* on his arm,
 and have brought them hither unto my lord. Then David took **11**
 hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men
 that *were* with him: and they mourned, and wept, and fasted **12**
 until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people
 of the LORD, and for the house of Israel; because they were
 fallen by the sword. And David said unto the young man that **13**
 told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of
 a stranger, an Amalekite. And David said unto him, How wast **14**
 thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy the LORD'S
 anointed? And David called one of the young men, and said, **15**
 Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.
 And David said unto him, Thy blood *be* upon thy head; for thy **16**
 mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the LORD'S
 anointed.

AND David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and **17**
 over Jonathan his son: (also he bade them teach the children of **18**
 Judah the use of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of
 Jasher.)

- 19 The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places;
How are the mighty fallen!
- 20 Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the streets of Askelon;
Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.
- 21 Ye mountains of Gilboa, *let there be no dew,*
Neither *let there be rain*, upon you,
Nor fields of offerings:
For there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,
The shield of Saul, *as though he had not been* anointed with oil.
- 22 From the blood of the slain,
From the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan turned not back,
And the sword of Saul returned not empty.
- 23 Saul and Jonathan *were* lovely and pleasant in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided:
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.
- 24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet, with *other* delights,
Who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.
- 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!
O Jonathan, *thou wast* slain in thine high places.
- 26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me:
Thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.
- 27 How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!

AND it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the LORD, 2
saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the
LORD said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I
go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. 'So David went up thither, 2
and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail,
Nabal's wife, the Carmelite. And his men that *were* with him 3
did David bring up, every man with his household: and they
dwelt in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, 4
and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

AND they told David, saying, *That* the men of Jabesh-gilead
were they that buried Saul. And David sent messengers unto 5
the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed *be* ye of
the LORD, that ye have showed this kindness unto your lord,
even unto Saul, and have buried him. And now the LORD 6
show kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you
this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Therefore now 7
let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant: for your
master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed
me king over them.

BUT Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, took Ish- 8
bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim;
and made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and 9
over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over
all Israel. Ish-bosheth Saul's son *was* forty years old when he 10
began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the
house of Judah followed David. And the time that David was 11
king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and
six months.

AND Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth 12
the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. And Joab 13
the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and
met together by the pool of Gibeon: and they sat down, the one
on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of
the pool. And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men now 14
arise, and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. 'Then 15
there arose and went over by number twelve of Benjamin,
which *pertained* to Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of

the servants of David. And they caught every one his fellow 16
 by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side; so they
 fell down together: wherefore that place was called Helkath-
 hazzurim, which *is* in Gibeon. And there was a very sore battle 17
 that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before
 the servants of David. And there were three sons of Zeruiah 18
 there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel; and Asahel *was as* light
 of foot as a wild roe. And Asahel pursued after Abner: and in 19
 going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from follow-
 ing Abner. Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art thou* 20
 Asahel? And he answered, *I am*. And Abner said to him, Turn 21
 thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on
 one of the young men, and take thee his armor. But Asahel
 would not turn aside from following of him. And Abner said 22
 again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore
 should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up
 my face to Joab thy brother? Howbeit he refused to turn aside: 23
 wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him
 under the fifth *rib*, that the spear came out behind him; and he
 fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass,
that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and
 died stood still. Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: 24
 and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of
 Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of
 Gibeon. And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves 25
 together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the
 top of an hill. Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the 26
 sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitter-
 ness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid
 the people return from following their brethren? And Joab said, 27
 As God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the
 morning the people had gone up every one from following his
 brother. So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, 28
 and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more.
 And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, 29
 and passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and they
 came to Mahanaim. And Joab returned from following Abner: 30
 and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked
 of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. But the servants 31
 of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *so that*
 three hundred and threescore men died. And they took up 32
 Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which
was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and
 they came to Hebron at break of day.

Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the 3
 house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and
 the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker. And unto David 2
 were sons born in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, of
 Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; and his second, Chileab, of Abigail 3
 the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the
 son of Maachah, the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; and 4

the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth Shephatiah the son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, by Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron. 5

AND it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah; and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head, which against Judah do show kindness this day unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, that thou chargest me to-day with a fault concerning this woman? So do God to Abner, and more also, except as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; to translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him. 6 7 8 9 10 11

AND Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, Thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, which I espoused to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines. And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Phaltiel the son of Laish. And her husband went with her along weeping behind her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return. And he returned. And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, Ye sought for David in times past to be king over you: now then do it: for the LORD hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. So Abner came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast. And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a league with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thine heart desireth. And David sent Abner away: and he went in peace. 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21

AND, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from pursuing a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of 22 23

Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it *that* thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, which brought him again from the well of Sirah: but David knew *it* not. And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there under the fifth *rib*, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother.

AND afterward when David heard *it*, he said, I and my kingdom *are* guiltless before the LORD for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: let it rest on the head of Joab, and on all his father's house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth on the sword, or that lacketh bread. So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had slain their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle. And David said to Joab, and to all the people that *were* with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David *himself* followed the bier. 'And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. And the king lamented over Abner, and said,

Died Abner as a fool dieth?
34 Thy hands *were* not bound,
Nor thy feet put into fetters:
As a man falleth before wicked men,
So fellest thou.

And all the people wept again over him. 'And when all the people came to cause David to eat meat while it was yet day, David sware, saying, So do God to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down. And all the people took notice of *it*, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? And I *am* this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah *be* too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

AND when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. And Saul's son had two men *that were* captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon a Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to Benjamin: and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and were sojourners there until this day.) And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *that was* lame of *his* feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan

out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled : and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name *was* Mephibosheth. ' And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of Ish-bosheth, who lay on a bed at noon. And they came thither into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have fetched wheat ; and they smote him under the fifth *rib* : and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. For when they came into the house, he lay on his bed in his bed-chamber, and they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and gat them away through the plain all night. And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life : and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king this day of Saul, and of his seed. And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, ' when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, who *thought* that I would have given him a reward for his tidings : how much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed ? shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth ? And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth, and buried *it* in the sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

THEN came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel : and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron ; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD : and they anointed David king over Israel. David *was* thirty years old when he began to reign, *and* he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months : and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-and-three years over all Israel and Judah.

AND the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land : which spake unto David, saying, Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither : thinking, David cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion : the same *is* the city of David. And David said on that day, Whosoever getteth up to the gutter, and smiteth the Jebusites, and the lame and the blind, *that are* hated of David's soul, *he shall be chief and captain*. Wherefore they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. So David dwelt in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and

inward. And David went on, and grew great, and the LORD 10
 God of hosts *was* with him. And Hiram king of Tyre sent mes- 11
 sengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons :
 and they built David an house. And David perceived that the 12
 LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had ex-
 alted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

AND David took *him* more concubines and wives out of Jeru- 13
 salem, after he was come from Hebron : and there were yet sons
 and daughters born to David. And these *be* the names of those 14
 that were born unto him in Jerusalem ; Shammuah, and Shobab,
 and Nathan, and Solomon, ' Ibhar also, and Elishua, and Nepheg, 15
 and Japhia, ' and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphalet. 16

BUT when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David 17
 king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David ; and
 David heard of *it*, and went down to the hold. The Philistines 18
 also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.
 And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the 19
 Philistines ? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand ? And the
 LORD said unto David, Go up : for I will doubtless deliver the
 Philistines into thine hand. And David came to Baal-perazim, 20
 and David smote them there, and said, ' The LORD hath broken
 forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters.
 Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. ' And 21
 there they left their images, and David and his men burned
 them. And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread them- 22
 selves in the valley of Rephaim. And when David inquired of 23
 the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up ; *but* fetch a compass
 behind them, and come upon them over-against the mulberry
 trees. And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in 24
 the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself :
 for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of
 the Philistines. And David did so, as the LORD had com- 25
 manded him ; and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou
 come to Gazer.

AGAIN David gathered together all *the* chosen *men* of Israel, 6
 thirty thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people 2
 that *were* with him, from Baale of Judah, to bring up from thence
 the ark of God, whose name is called by the name of the LORD
 of hosts that dwelleth *between* the cherubims. And they set 3
 the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house
 of Abinadab that *was* in Gibeah : and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons
 of Abinadab, drave the new cart. And they brought it out of 4
 the house of Abinadab which *was* at Gibeah, accompanying the
 ark of God : and Ahio went before the ark. And David and all 5
 the house of Israel played before the LORD on all manner of
instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries,
 and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals. And when 6
 they came to Nachon's threshing-floor, Uzzah put forth *his* hand
 to the ark of God, and took hold of it ; for the oxen shook it.
 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah ; and 7
 God smote him there for *his* error ; and there he died by the ark

of God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzzah: and he called the name of the place Perez-uzzah to this day. And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? So David would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David: but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite.

AND the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and all his household. And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that *pertaineth* unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with gladness. And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. And David danced before the LORD with all *his* might; and David *was* girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. And as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in his place, in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before the LORD. And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. And he dealt among all the people, *even* among the whole multitude of Israel, as well to the women as men, to every one a cake of bread, and a good piece of *flesh*, and a flagon of *wine*. So all the people departed every one to his house.

THEN David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! And David said unto Michal, *It was* before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maid-servants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honor. Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

AND it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that *is* in thine heart; for the LORD *is* with thee. And it came to pass that night, that the word of the LORD came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell

my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an
house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have not dwelt in *any* 6
house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out
of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a
tabernacle. In all *the places* wherein I have walked with all 7
the children of Israel, spake I a word with any of the tribes of
Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying,
Why build ye not me an house of cedar? Now therefore so shalt 8
thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be
ruler over my people, over Israel: and I was with thee whither- 9
soever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of
thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name
of the great *men* that *are* in the earth. Moreover I will appoint 10
a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may
dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall
the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,
and as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over my 11
people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies.
Also the LORD telleth thee, that he will make thee an house.
And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy 12
fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed
out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall 13
build an house for my name, and I will establish the throne of
his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my 14
son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod
of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: but 15
my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from
Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy 16
kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne
shall be established for ever. According to all these words, and 17
according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

THEN went king David in, and sat before the LORD, and he 18
said, Who *am* I, O LORD God? and what *is* my house, that thou
hast brought me hitherto? And this was yet a small thing in thy 19
sight, O LORD God; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's
house for a great while to come. And *is* this the manner of
man, O LORD God? And what can David say more unto thee? 20
for thou, LORD God, knowest thy servant. For thy word's sake, 21
and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great
things, to make thy servant know *them*. Wherefore thou art 22
great, O LORD God: for *there is* none like thee, neither *is there*
any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with
our ears. And what one nation in the earth *is* like thy people, 23
even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to him-
self, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and
terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst
to thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods? For thou 24
hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel, *to be* a people unto
thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God. And 25
now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken, concerning

thy servant, and concerning his house, establish *it* for ever, and do as thou hast said. And let thy name be magnified for ever, 26 saying, The LORD of hosts *is* the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee. For 27 thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee. And 28 now, O LORD God, thou *art* that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant: therefore 29 now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O LORD God, hast spoken *it*; and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

AND after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, 3 and subdued them: and David took Metheg-ammah out of the hand of the Philistines.

AND he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting 2 them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And *so* the Moabites became David's servants. *and* brought gifts.

DAVID smote also Hadadezer, the son of Rehob, king of Zo- 3 bah, as he went to recover his border at the river Euphrates. And David took from him a thousand *chariots*, and seven hun- 4 dred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them *for* an hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus came to 5 succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two-and-twenty thousand men. Then David put garrisons in 6 Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, *and* brought gifts. And the LORD preserved David whitherso- 7 ever he went. And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. And from Betah, and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king 8 David took exceeding much brass.

WHEN Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten 9 all the host of Hadadezer, then Toi sent Joram his son unto king 10 David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer, and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And *Joram* brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: which also king David did 11 dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated of all nations which he subdued; of Syria, and of 12 Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah.

AND David gat *him* a name when he returned from smiting of 13 the Syrians in the valley of salt, *being* eighteen thousand *men*. And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he 14 garrisons, and all they of Edom became David's servants.

AND the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. 'And 15 David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment

and justice unto all his people. And Joab the son of Zeruiah 16
was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* re-
 corder; and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of 17
 Abiathar, *were* the priests; and Seraiah *was* the scribe; and Be- 18
 naiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over both the Cherethites and the
 Pelethites; and David's sons *were* chief rulers.

AND David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of 9
 Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And 2
there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name *was* Ziba.
 And when they had called him unto David, the king said unto
 him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant *is* he. 'And the 3
 king said, *Is* there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may
 show the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the
 king, Jonathan hath yet a son, *which is* lame on *his* feet. And the 4
 king said unto him, Where *is* he? And Ziba said unto the king,
 Behold, he *is* in the house of Machir, the son of Ammiel, in Lo-
 debar. Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house 5
 of Machir, the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. Now when Me- 6
 phibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, *was* come
 unto David, he fell on his face, and did reverence. And David
 said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy servant!
 And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely show thee 7
 kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all
 the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table
 continually. And he bowed himself, and said, What *is* thy ser- 8
 vant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as *I am*?
 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, 9
 I have given unto thy master's son all that pertained to Saul and
 to all his house. Thou therefore, and thy sons, and thy servants, 10
 shall till the land for him, and thou shalt bring in *the* fruits, that
 thy master's son may have food to eat: but Mephibosheth thy
 master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had
 fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, 11
 According to all that my lord the king hath commanded his ser-
 vant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, *said the king*,
 he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. And Mephi- 12
 bosheih had a young son, whose name *was* Micah. And all that
 dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants unto Mephibosheth. So 13
 Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at
 the king's table; and *was* lame on both his feet.

AND it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of 10
 Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. Then 2
 said David, I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash,
 as his father showed kindness unto me. And David sent to com-
 fort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's
 servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. And 3
 the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their
 lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, that he
 hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David *rather* sent his
 servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to
 overthrow it? Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and 4

shaved off the one-half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, *even* to their buttocks, and sent them away. When they told *it* unto David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed: and the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return. And when the children of Ammon saw that they stunk before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand footmen, and of king Maacah a thousand men, and of Ish-tob twelve thousand men. And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, and of Rehob, and Ish-tob, and Maacah, *were* by themselves in the field. When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians: and the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Abishai his brother, that he might put *them* in array against the children of Ammon. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do that which seemeth him good. And Joab drew nigh, and the people that *were* with him, unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, then fled they also before Abishai, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

AND when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. And Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and they came to Helam: and Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them. And when it was told David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and *came* to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew *the men of* seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, who died there. And when all the kings that *were* servants to Hadarezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

AND it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

AND it came to pass in an evening-tide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman

was very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired 3
 after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bath-sheba, the
 daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? and David 4
 sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and
 he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and
 she returned unto her house. And the woman conceived, and 5
 sent and told David, and said, *I am* with child. And David sent 6
 to Joab, *saying*, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent
 Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David 7
 demanded *of him* how Joab did, and how the people did, and
 how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, Go down to 8
 thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the
 king's house, and there followed him a mess *of meat* from the
 king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all 9
 the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. And 10
 when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto
 his house, David said unto Uriah, Camest thou not from *thy*
 journey? why *then* didst thou not go down unto thine house?
 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, 11
 abide in tents; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord,
 are encamped in the open fields; shall I then go into mine
 house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? *as* thou
 livest, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not do this thing. And Da- 12
 vid said to Uriah, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will
 let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem that day, and the
 morrow. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink 13
 before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out
 to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down
 to his house. And it came to pass in the morning, that David 14
 wrote a letter to Joab, and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. And 15
 he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the fore-front of
 the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smit-
 ten, and die. And it came to pass, when Joab observed the city, 16
 that he assigned Uriah unto a place where he knew that valiant
 men *were*. And the men of the city went out, and fought with 17
 Joab: and there fell *some* of the people of the servants of David;
 and Uriah the Hittite died also. Then Joab sent and told David 18
 all the things concerning the war; and charged the messenger, 19
 saying, When thou hast made an end of telling the matters of
 the war unto the king, and if so be that the king's wrath arise, 20
 and he say unto thee, Wherefore approached ye so nigh unto the
 city when ye did fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from
 the wall? Who smote Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? did 21
 not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall,
 that he died in Thebez? why went ye nigh the wall? then say
 thou, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. So the mes- 22
 senger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent
 him for. And the messenger said unto David, Surely the men 23
 prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we
 were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. And the 24
 shooters shot from off the wall upon thy servants; and *some* of

the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt 25 thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

AND when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband 26 was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and fetched her to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

AND the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto 12 him, and said unto him,

There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 'The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: ' but 2 the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, 4 and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: and he shall restore the lamb four- 6 fold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And 7 Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; and I gave thee thy master's 8 house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah: and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore 9 hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never 10 depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus 11 saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this 12 thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said 13 unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given 14 great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

AND Nathan departed unto his house. And the LORD struck 15

the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, 16
 and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders 17
 of his house arose, *and went* to him, to raise him up from the
 earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them.
 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. 18
 And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was
 dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we
 spake unto him, and he would not hearken unto our voice: how
 will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead?
 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David per- 19
 ceived that the child was dead: therefore David said unto his
 servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 'Then 20
 David arose from the earth, and washed and anointed *himself*,
 and changed his apparel, and came into the house of the LORD,
 and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he
 required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his 21
 servants unto him, What thing *is* this that thou hast done? thou
 didst fast and weep for the child, *while it was* alive? but when
 the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, 22
 While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said,
 Who can tell *whether* God will be gracious to me, that the child
 may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I 23
 bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return
 to me.

AND David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto 24
 her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and he called his
 name Solomon: and the LORD loved him. And he sent by the 25
 hand of Nathan the prophet; and he called his name Jedidiah,
 because of the LORD.

AND Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, 26
 and took the royal city. And Joab sent messengers to David, 27
 and said, I have fought against Rabbah, and have taken the city
 of waters. Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, 28
 and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city,
 and it be called after my name. And David gathered all the 29
 people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and
 took it. And he took their king's crown from off his head, the 30
 weight whereof *was* a talent of gold, with the precious stones:
 and it was *set* on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil
 of the city in great abundance. And he brought forth the people 31
 that *were* therein, and put *them* under saws, and under harrows
 of iron, and under axes of iron, and made them pass through the
 brick-kiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of
 Ammon. So David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

AND it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David 13
 had a fair sister, whose name *was* Tamar; and Amnon the son
 of David loved her. And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick 2
 for his sister Tamar; for she *was* a virgin; and Amnon thought
 it hard for him to do any thing to her. But Amnon had a friend, 3
 whose name *was* Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother:

and Jonadab *was* a very subtil man. And he said unto him, 4
Why *art* thou, *being* the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt
thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my
brother Absalom's sister. And Jonadab said unto him, Lay 5
thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy
father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my
sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my
sight, that I may see *it*, and eat *it* at her hand. So Amnon lay 6
down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to
see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my
sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I
may eat at her hand. Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, 7
Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. So 8
Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid
down. And she took flour, and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in
his sight, and did bake the cakes. And she took a pan, and 9
poured *them* out before him; but he refused to eat. And Am-
non said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every
man from him. And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat 10
into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar
took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the
chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she had brought 11
them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her,
Come lie with me, my sister. And she answered him, Nay, my 12
brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in
Israel: do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I cause my 13
shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in
Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he
will not withhold me from thee. Howbeit he would not hearken 14
unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay
with her. Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the 15
hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love where-
with he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be
gone. And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in 16
sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto
me. But he would not hearken unto her. Then he called 17
his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this
woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. And *she* had a 18
garment of divers colors upon her: for with such robes were
the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his ser-
vant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. And Tamar 19
put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colors
that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on
crying. And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon 20
thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister:
he *is* thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained
desolate in her brother Absalom's house. But when king David 21
heard of all these things, he was very wroth. And Absalom 22
spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absa-
lom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. And 23
it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheep-

shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim : and Absalom invited all the king's sons. And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheep-shearers ; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants, go with thy servant. And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him : howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee ? But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon : then kill him, fear not : have not I commanded you ? be courageous, and be valiant. And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth : and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent. And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons ; for Amnon only is dead : for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead : for Amnon only is dead. ' But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill-side behind him. And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come : as thy servant said, so it is. And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept : and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

BUT Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son every day. ' So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years. And the soul of king David longed to go forth unto Absalom : for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead. Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was toward Absalom. And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead : and come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth. ' And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king. And the king said unto her, What aileth thee ? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead. And thy hand-

maid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him. And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth. And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee. And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *be* guiltless. And the king said, Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth. Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on. And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished. For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him. Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid. For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee. Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid: to fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth. And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again. And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my

lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant. So Joab arose, and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.

BUT in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. And when he polled his head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled it; because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it;) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels after the king's weight. And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name *was* Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

So Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to have sent him to the king; but he would not come to him: and when he sent again the second time, he would not come. Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? *it had been* good for me *to have been* there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there be *any* iniquity in me, let him kill me. So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.

AND it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city *art* thou? And he said, Thy servant *is* of one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters *are* good and right; but *there is* no man *deputed* of the king to hear thee. Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took him, and kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. And it came to pass after forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the LORD, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron,

But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth in Hebron. And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem. *that were* called; and they went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thing. And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, *even* from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

AND there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants that *were* with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not *else* escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants *are ready to do* whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, *which were* concubines, to keep the house. And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him from Gath, passed on before the king. Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou *art* a stranger, and also an exile. Whereas thou camest *but* yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth *be* with thee. And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. ' And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that *were* with him. And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over toward the way of the wilderness. And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites *were* with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: If I shall find favor in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and show me *both* it, and his habitation. But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee: behold, *here am I*, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. The king said also unto Zadok the priest, *Art not* thou a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you. Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. Zadok therefore

and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

AND David went up by the ascent of *mount Olivet*, and wept 30
as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot:
and all the people that *was* with him covered every man his
head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. And *one* 31
told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with
Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the
counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. And it came to pass, 32
that *when* David was come to the top of the *mount*, where he
worshipped God, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him
with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: unto whom David 33
said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden
unto me: but if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, 34
I will be thy servant, O king; *as I have been* thy father's servant
hitherto, so *will* I now also *be* thy servant: then mayest thou for
me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel. And *hast thou* not there 35
with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be,
that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house,
thou shalt tell *it* to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. Behold, 36
they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son,
and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto
me every thing that ye can hear. So Hushai David's friend 37
came into the city, and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

AND when David was a little past the top of the *hill*, behold, 16
Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of
asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *leaves* of bread, and
an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits,
and a bottle of wine. And the king said unto Ziba, What 2
meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses *be* for the king's
household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the
young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the
wilderness may drink. And the king said, And where *is* thy 3
master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth
at Jerusalem: for he said, To-day shall the house of Israel re-
store me the kingdom of my father. Then said the king to 4
Ziba, Behold, thine *are* all that *pertained* unto Mephibosheth.
And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee *that* I may find grace in
thy sight, my lord, O king.

AND when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came 5
out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was*
Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he
came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of 6
king David: and all the people and all the mighty men *were*
on his right hand and on his left. And thus said Shimei when
he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man
of Belial: the LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of 8
the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the
LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom
thy son: and, behold, thou *art taken* in thy mischief, because
thou *art* a bloody man. Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah 9

unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. And the king 10 said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so? 'And David 11 said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now *may this* Benjamite *do it*? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. It may be that the LORD will 12 look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. And as David and his men went by 13 the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over-against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. And the king, and all the people that *were* with him, came weary, 14 and refreshed themselves there.

AND Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to 15 Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to pass, 16 when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. And Absalom said to Hushai, *Is this thy kindness to* 17 *thy friend?* why wentest thou not with thy friend? And Hushai 18 said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. And again, whom should I serve? *should I not* 19 *serve* in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence.

THEN said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you 20 what we shall do. And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in 21 unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that *are* with thee be strong. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; 22 and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he coun- 23 selled in those days, *was* as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God: so *was* all the counsel of Ahithophel, both with David and with Absalom.

MOREOVER Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose 17 out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night. And I will come upon him while he *is* weary 2 and weak-handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that *are* with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: and 3 I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest *is* as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of 4 Israel. Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, 5 and let us hear likewise what he saith. And when Hushai was 6 come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do *after* his saying? if not, speak thou. And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel 7 that Ahithophel hath given *is* not good at this time. For, said 8

Hushai, thou knowest thy father and his men, that they *be* mighty men, and they *be* chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father *is* a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some *other* place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be overthrown at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. And he also *that is* valiant, whose heart *is* as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father *is* a mighty man, and *they* which *be* with him *are* valiant men. Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generally gathered unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that *is* by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that *are* with him there shall not be left so much as one. Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite *is* better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the LORD had appointed to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

THEN said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that *are* with him. Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city; and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom: but they went both of them away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whither they went down. And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not known. And when Absalom's servants came to the woman to the house, they said, Where *is* Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They *be* gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. Then David arose, and all the people that *were* with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over Jordan.

AND when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled *his* ass, and arose, and gat him home to his house, to

his city, and put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

THEN David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over 24
Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. And Absalom 25
made Amasa captain of the host instead of Joab: which Amasa
was a man's son whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went
in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruiah Joab's
mother. So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead. 26
And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that 27
Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon,
and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the
Gileadite of Rogelim, 'brought beds, and basons, and earthen 28
vessels, and wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and
beans, and lentiles, and parched pulse, 'and honey, and butter, 29
and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that
were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and
weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

AND David numbered the people that were with him, and set 18
captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, over them.
And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand 2
of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of
Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai
the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go
forth with you myself also. But the people answered, Thou 3
shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us;
neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art
worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou 4
succor us out of the city. And the king said unto them, What
seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate-side, 5
and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. And
the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal 6
gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.
And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains
charge concerning Absalom. So the people went out into the 7
field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim;
where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of 8
David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty
thousand men. For the battle was there scattered over the face 9
of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day
than the sword devoured. And Absalom met the servants of 10
David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went
under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold
of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the
earth; and the mule that was under him went away. And a 11
certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Ab-
salom hanged in an oak. And Joab said unto the man that 12
told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not
smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten
shekels of silver, and a girdle. And the man said unto Joab, 12
Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine
hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's

son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none *touch* the young man Absalom. Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against *me*. Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. And ten young men that bare Joab's armor compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people. And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. Now Absalom in his life-time had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which *is* in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's Place.

THEN said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the LORD hath avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to Cush, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cush bowed himself unto Joab and ran. Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cush. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no tidings ready? But howsoever, *said he*, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and overran Cush. And David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he *be* alone, *there is* tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He *is* a good man, and cometh with good tidings. And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed *be* the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and *me* thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what *it was*. And the king said *unto him*, Turn aside, *and* stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. And, behold, Cush came; and Cush said, Tidings, my lord the king: for the LORD hath

avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. And 32
the king said unto Cush, *Is the young man Absalom safe?* And
Cushi answered, *The enemies of my lord the king, and all that*
rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. And 33
the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the
gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, *O my son Absalom,*
my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O
Absalom, my son, my son!

AND it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth 19
for Absalom. And the victory that day was *turned* into mourn- 2
ing unto all the people: for the people heard say that day how
the king was grieved for his son. And the people gat them by 3
stealth that day into the city, as people being ashamed steal away
when they flee in battle. But the king covered his face, and 4
the king cried with a loud voice, *O my son Absalom, O Absalom,*
my son, my son! And Joab came into the house to the king, and 5
said, *Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants,*
which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and
of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives of thy
concubines; in that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy 6
friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest
neither princes nor servants: for this day I perceive, that if Ab-
salom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased
thee well. Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably 7
unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth,
there will not tarry one with thee this night: and that will be
worse unto thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth
until now. Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they 8
told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the
gate. And all the people came before the king: for Israel had
fled every man to his tent.

AND all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of 9
Israel, saying, *The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies,*
and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now
he is fled out of the land for Absalom. And Absalom, whom we 10
anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak
ye not a word of bringing the king back? And king David sent 11
to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, *Speak unto the*
elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king
back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the
king, even to his house. Ye are my brethren, ye are my bones 12
and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the
king? And say ye to Amasa, *Art thou not of my bone, and of* 13
my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain
of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. And he 14
bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as *the heart of one*
man; so that they sent this word unto the king, Return thou, and
all thy servants. So the king returned, and came to Jordan. 15
And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the
king over Jordan.

AND Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, which *was* of 16
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Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. And there went over a ferry-boat to carry over the king's household, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan; and said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD'S anointed? And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I *am* this day king over Israel? Therefore the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

AND Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king, and had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed, until the day he came *again* in peace. And it came to pass, when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king; because thy servant *is* lame. And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king *is* as an angel of God: do therefore *what is* good in thine eyes. For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet to cry any more unto the king? And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I have said, Thou and Ziba divide the land. And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come again in peace unto his own house.

AND Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. Now Barzillai was a very aged man, *even* fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim: for he *was* a very great man. And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? I *am* this day fourscore years old: *and* can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women?

wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, *and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother.* But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, *that will I do for thee.* And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place. Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

AND, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us; wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's *cost*? or hath he given us any gift? And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we have also more *right* in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

AND there happened to be there a man of Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel. So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and followed* Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

AND David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood. Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble me the men of Judah within three days, and be thou here present. So Amasa went to assemble *the men of Judah*: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than *did* Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape us. And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

WHEN they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was

girded unto him, and upon it a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth, it fell out. 'And Joab said to Amasa, *Art* thou in health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that *was* in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favo^reth Joab, and he that *is* for David, *let him go* after Joab. And Amasa wallowed in blood in the midst of the high-way. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he removed Amasa out of the high-way into the field, and cast a cloth upon him, when he saw that every one that came by him stood still. When he was removed out of the high-way, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

AND he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after him. And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank against the city, and it stood in the trench: and all the people that *were* with Joab battered the wall to throw it down. Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. And when he was come near unto her, the woman said, *Art* thou Joab? And he answered, *I am he*. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 'Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask *counsel* at Abel: and so they ended *the matter*. *I am one of them that are peaceable and faithful* in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the LORD? And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. The matter *is* not so: but a man of mount Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, *even* against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. 'Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and cast *it* out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they retired from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

NOW Joab *was* over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites: 'and Adoram *was* over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud *was* recorder: 'and Sheva *was* scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the priests: and Ira also the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

THEN there was a famine in the days of David three years, **21**
year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the
LORD answered, *It is* for Saul, and for *his* bloody house, be-
cause he slew the Gibeonites. And the king called the Gibeon- **2**
ites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites *were* not of the
children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the
children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay
them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah.) Where- **3**
fore David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you?
and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ye may bless
the inheritance of the LORD? And the Gibeonites said unto him, **4**
We will have no silver nor gold of Saul, nor of his house; neither
for us shalt thou kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye
shall say, *that* will I do for you. And they answered the king, **5**
The man that consumed us, and that devised against us *that* we
should be destroyed from remaining in any of the coasts of Israel,
'let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will **6**
hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, *whom* the LORD
did choose. And the king said, I will give *them*. 'But the king **7**
spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, be-
cause of the LORD'S oath that *was* between them, between Da-
vid and Jonathan the son of Saul. But the king took the two **8**
sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul,
Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of Michal the
daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Adriel the son of **9**
Barzillai the Meholahite: and he delivered them into the hands
of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the hill before the
LORD: and they fell *all* seven together, and were put to death in
the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley
harvest. And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and **10**
spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest
until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered
neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts
of the field by night. And it was told David what Rizpah the **11**
daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had done. And David **12**
went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his
son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from
the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them,
when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gilboa: and he brought **13**
up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his
son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged.
And the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son buried they in the **14**
country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the sepulchre of Kish his father;
and they performed all that the king commanded. And after
that, God was intreated for the land.

MOREOVER the Philistines had yet war again with Israel; and **15**
David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against
the Philistines: and David waxed faint. And Ishbi-benob, which **16**
was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed
three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a
new sword, thought to have slain David. But Abishai the son **17**

of Zeruiah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David sware unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the light of Israel. And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which *was* of the sons of the giant. And there was again a battle in Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim, a Beth-lehemite, slew *the brother of* Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear *was* like a weaver's beam. And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four-and-twenty in number; and he also was born to the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimeah the brother of David slew him. These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

AND David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: and he said,

The LORD is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer;

3 The God of my rock; in him will I trust:
He is my shield, and the horn of my sal-
vation,

My high tower, and my refuge, my Savior;
Thou savest me from violence.

4 I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to
be praised:

So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

5 When the waves of death compassed me,
The floods of ungodly men made me afraid;

6 The sorrows of hell compassed me about;
The snares of death prevented me;

7 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried to my God:

And he did hear my voice out of his temple,
And my cry *did enter* into his ears.

8 Then the earth shook and trembled:
The foundations of heaven moved

And shook, because he was wroth.

9 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:

Coals were kindled by it.

10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And darkness *was* under his feet.

11 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly:
And he was seen upon the wings of the
wind.

12 And he made darkness pavilions round
about him,
Dark waters, and thick clouds of the skies.

13 Through the brightness before him,
Were coals of fire kindled.

14 The LORD thundered from heaven,
And the Most High uttered his voice.

15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them;
Lightning, and discomfited them.

16 And the channels of the sea appeared,
The foundations of the world were dis-
covered,

At the rebuking of the LORD,
At the blast of the breath of his nostrils.

17 He sent from above, he took me;
He drew me out of many waters;

18 He delivered me from my strong enemy,

And from them that hated me:

For they were too strong for me.

19 They prevented me in the day of my
calamity:

But the LORD *was* my stay.

20 He brought me forth also into a large place:
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

21 The LORD rewarded me according to my
righteousness:

According to the cleanness of my hands
hath he recompensed me.

22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my
God.

23 For all his judgments *were* before me:
And *as* for his statutes, I did not depart
from them.

24 I *was* also upright before him,
And have kept myself from mine iniquity.

25 Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me
according to my righteousness;

According to my cleanness in his eye-sight.

26 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself
merciful,

And with the upright man thou wilt show
thyself upright.

27 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure;
And with the froward thou wilt show thy-
self unsavory.

28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save:
But thine eyes *are* upon the haughty,

That thou mayest bring them down.

29 For thou *art* my lamp. O LORD:
And the LORD will lighten my darkness.

30 For by thee I have run through a troop:
By my God have I leaped over a wall.

31 *As for* God, his way is perfect;
The word of the LORD is tried:

He is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

32 For who is God, *save* the LORD?
And who is a rock, *save* our God?

33 God is my strength and power:
And he maketh my way perfect.

34 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet:
And setteth me upon my high places.

35 He teacheth my hands to war;

- So that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.
- 36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation;
And thy gentleness hath made me great.
- 37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me;
So that my feet did not slip.
- 38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them;
And turned not again until I had consumed them.
- 39 And I have consumed them,
And wounded them, that they could not arise:
Yea, they are fallen under my feet.
- 40 For thou hast girded me with strength to battle;
That rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.
- 41 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies,
That I might destroy them that hate me.
- 42 They looked, but *there was* none to save;
Even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.
- 43 Then did I beat them as small as the dust of the earth.
I did stamp them as the mire of the street,
And did spread them abroad.
- 44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people,
Thou hast kept me *to be* head of the heathen:
A people *which* I knew not shall serve me.
- 45 Strangers shall submit themselves unto me:
As soon as they hear, they shall be obedient unto me.
- 46 Strangers shall fade away,
And they shall be afraid out of their close places.
- 47 The LORD liveth: and blessed *be* my rock;
And exalted *be* the God of the rock of my salvation.
- 48 It is God that avengeth me,
And that bringeth down the people under me.
- 49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies:
Thou also hast lifted me up on high above them that rose up against me:
Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
- 50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen,
And I will sing praises unto thy name.
- 51 *He is* the tower of salvation for his king:
And sheweth mercy to his anointed,
Unto David, and to his seed for evermore.

Now these *be* the last words of David.

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David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said,

- 2 The Spirit of the LORD spake by me,
And his word *was* in my tongue.
- 3 The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spake to me,
He that ruleth over men *must be* just,
Ruling in the fear of God.
- 4 And *he shall be* as the light of the morning,
When the sun riseth, *even* a morning without clouds;
As the tender grass springing out of the earth
By clear shining after rain.
- 5 Although my house *be* not so with God;
- Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all *things* and sure:
For *this is* all my salvation, and all my desire,
Although he make it not to grow.
- 6 But the sons of Belial shall *be* all of them as thorns thrust away,
Because they cannot be taken with hands:
- 7 But the man *that* shall touch them
Must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear;
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place.

THESE *be* the names of the mighty men whom David had: 8
The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains;
the same *was* Adino the Eznite: *he lifted up his spear* against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time. And after him *was* Eleazar 9
the son of Dodo the Ahohite, *one* of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines *that* were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away. He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was 10
weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. And after him *was* Shammah the son of Agee 11
the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of 12
the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory. And three of the thirty chief 13
went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the

cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. And David *was* then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines *was* then in Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, which *is* by the gate! And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: *is not this* the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, *and* slew *them*, and had the name among three. Was he not most honorable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the *first* three. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lion-like men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: 'and he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. These *things* did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard. 'Asahel the brother of Joab *was* one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 'Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite, 'Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkeish the Tekoite, 'Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite, 'Zalmon the Ahobite, Maharai the Netophathite, 'Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 'Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, 'Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 'Eliabba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen. Jonathan, 'Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite, 'Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 'Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 'Igal the son of Nahhan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 'Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, armor-bearer to Joab, the son of Zeruiah, 'Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite, 'Uriah the Hittite: thirty-and-seven in all.

AND again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. And he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah. For the king said to Joab the captain of the host, which *was* with him, Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundred fold, and that the eyes of my lord the king may

see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Aroer, on the right side of the city that *lieth* in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and about to Zidon, and came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, *even* to Beer-sheba. So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah *were* five hundred thousand men. And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and now I beseech thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and say unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I offer thee three *things*: choose thee one of them, that I may *do it* unto thee. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thine enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and see what answer I shall return to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of the LORD; for his mercies *are* great: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men.

And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people. It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-place of Araunah the Jebusite. And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. And David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as the LORD commanded. And Araunah looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king on his face upon the ground. And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David

said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague may be stayed from the people. And 22
 Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seemeth* good unto him: behold, *here be* oxen for burnt-sacrifice, and threshing instruments and *other* instruments of the oxen for wood. All these *things* did Araunah, *as* a king, give 23
 unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD thy God accept thee. And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but 24
 I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. And David built there an altar unto the 25
 LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED,

THE THIRD BOOK OF THE KINGS.

Now king David was old *and* stricken in years; and they cov- 1
 ered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. Wherefore his ser- 2
 vants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and let her cherish him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all 3
 the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. And the damsel *was* very fair, and cherished 4
 the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew her not.

THEN Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I 5
 will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. And his father had not displeased 6
 him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also *was* a very goodly man; and *his mother* bare him after Absalom. And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with 7
 Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped *him*. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Na- 8
 than the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which *belonged* to David, were not with Adonijah. And Ado- 9
 nijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which *is* by En-rogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants: but Nathan the 10
 prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called not.

WHEREFORE Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solo- 11
 mon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Hag-

gith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth *it* not? Now there- 12
fore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest 13
save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. Go and get 13
thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my 14
lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly 14
Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my 15
throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? Behold, while thou 15
yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, 16
and confirm thy words. And Bath-sheba went in unto the king 16
into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag 17
the Shunammite ministered unto the king. And Bathsheba 17
bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, 18
What wouldest thou? And she said unto him, My lord, thou 18
swarest by the LORD thy God unto thine handmaid, *saying*, 19
Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit 19
upon my throne. And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and 20
now, my lord the king, thou knowest *it* not: and he hath slain 20
oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called all 21
the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain 21
of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. And 22
thou, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel *are* upon thee, that 22
thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord 23
the king after him. Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my 23
lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son 24
Solomon shall be counted offenders. And, lo, while she yet 24
talked with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. And 25
they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And 25
when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before 26
the king with his face to the ground. And Nathan said, My lord, 26
O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he 27
shall sit upon my throne? For he is gone down this day, and 27
hath slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath 28
called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and 28
Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, 29
and say, God save king Adonijah. But me, *even* me thy servant, 29
and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy 30
servant Solomon, hath he not called. Is this thing done by my 30
lord the king, and thou hast not showed *it* unto thy servant, who 31
should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? Then 31
king David answered and said, Call me Bath-sheba. And she 32
came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. And 32
the king sware, and said, As the LORD liveth, that hath re- 33
deemed my soul out of all distress, even as I sware unto thee by 33
the LORD God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son 34
shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; 35
even so will I certainly do this day. Then Bath-sheba bowed 35
with *her* face to the earth, and did reverence to the king, and 36
said, Let my lord king David live for ever. And king David 36
said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and 37
Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. 37
The king also said unto them, Take with you the servants of 38

your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: and let Zadok the priest 34 and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit 35 upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. And Be- 36 naiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the LORD God of my lord the king say so *too*. As the LORD 37 hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Be- 38 naiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to Gihon. And Zadok the priest took an 39 horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king Solomon. And all the people came up after him, and the people 40 piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them.

AND Adonijah and all the guests that *were* with him heard it 41 as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is *this* noise of the city being in an uproar? And while he yet spake, behold, Jonathan 42 the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for thou *art* a valiant man, and bringest good tidings. And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily 43 our lord king David hath made Solomon king. And the king 44 hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule: and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have 45 anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the king- 46 dom. And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord 47 king David, saying, God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. And also thus said the 48 king, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, which hath given *one* to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing *it*. And all 49 the guests that *were* with Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. And Adonijah feared because of 50 Solomon, and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah 51 feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me to-day that he will not slay his servant with the sword. And Solomon said, 52 If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. So king Solomon sent, and they brought him 53

down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, 'I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; and keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: that the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel. Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, *and* what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that *was* about his loins, and in his shoes that *were* on his feet. Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to the grave in peace. But show kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother. And, behold, *thou hast* with thee Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. Now therefore hold him not guiltless: for thou *art* a wise man, and knowest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but his hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood. So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel *were* forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty-and-three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

THEN sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. And Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? and he said, Peaceably. He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the LORD. And now I ask one petition of thee, deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. ' And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand.

Then she said, I desire one small petition of thee; *I pray thee*, 20
 say me not nay. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother:
 for I will not say thee nay. And she said, Let Abishag the Shu- 21
 nammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. And king 22
 Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou
 ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the
 kingdom also: for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and
 for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. Then 23
 king Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and
 more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his
 own life. Now therefore, *as the LORD liveth*, which hath es- 24
 tablished me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and
 who hath made me an house, as he promised, Adonijah shall be
 put to death this day. And king Solomon sent by the hand of 25
 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him that he died.

AND unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Ana- 26
 tho, unto thine own fields; for thou *art* worthy of death: but
 I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the
 ark of the LORD God before David my father, and because thou
 hast been afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. So 27
 Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD;
 that he might fulfil the word of the LORD, which he spake
 concerning the house of Eli in Shiloh.

THEN tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adoni- 28
 jah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto
 the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of
 the altar. And it was told king Solomon that Joab was fled 29
 unto the tabernacle of the LORD; and, behold, *he is* by the
 altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying,
 Go, fall upon him. And Benaiah came to the tabernacle of the 30
 LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth.
 And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought
 the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he an-
 swered me. And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, 31
 and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away
 the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me, and from the
 house of my father. And the LORD shall return his blood upon 32
 his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better
 than he, and slew them with the sword, my father David not
 knowing *thereof*, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the
 host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain of the host
 of Judah. Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of 33
 Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but upon David,
 and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne,
 shall there be peace for ever from the LORD. So Benaiah the 34
 son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and
 he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

AND the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room 35
 over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put in the room
 of Abiathar.

AND the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, 36

Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not forth thence any whither. For it shall be, *that* on the day thou 37
goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall be upon thine own head. And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is 38
good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei dwelt in Jerusalem many days. And it came to pass at 39
the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish son of Maachah king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, Behold, thy servants *be* in Gath. And Shi- 40
mei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought his servants from Gath. And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone 41
from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. And the king 42
sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the LORD, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for a certain, on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, that thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The word *that* I have heard is good. Why then hast 43
thou not kept the oath of the LORD, and the commandment that I have charged thee with? The king said moreover to Shimei, 44
Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the LORD shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head; and king Solomon 45
shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD for ever. So the king commanded Benaiah 46
the son of Jehoiada; which went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

AND Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and 3
took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. Only the people sacrificed in high places, because there was no 2
house built unto the name of the LORD until those days.

AND Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for 4
that *was* the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon the LORD appeared 5
to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant 7
king instead of David my father: and I *am but* a little child: I know not *how* to go out or come in. And thy servant *is* in the 8
midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give therefore 9

thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people? And the speech pleased the LORD, 10 that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, 11 Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life: neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; behold, I have done according to 12 thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee. And I have also given 13 thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor: so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes 14 and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. And Solomon awoke; and, behold, *it* 15 *was* a dream. And he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

THEN came there two women, *that were* harlots, unto the king, 16 and stood before him. And the one woman said, O my lord, I 17 and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came to pass, the third day 18 after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we *were* together; *there was* no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. And this woman's child died in the 19 night; because she overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and 20 took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. And 21 when I arose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. And the other woman 22 said, Nay: but the living *is* my son, and the dead *is* thy son. And this said, No; but the dead *is* thy son, and the living *is* my son. Thus they spake before the king. 'Then said the king, 23 The one saith, This *is* my son that liveth, and thy son *is* the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son *is* the dead, and my son *is* the living. 'And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they 24 brought a sword before the king. And the king said, Divide 25 the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child *was* unto 26 the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, *but* divide it. Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and 27 in no wise slay it: she *is* the mother thereof. And all Israel 28 heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God *was* in him, to do judgment.

So king Solomon was king over all Israel. 'And these *were* 4
the princes which he had: Azariah the son of Zadok the priest;
' Elihoreph and Ahiah the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat 3
the son of Ahilud, the recorder. And Benaiah the son of Je- 4
hoiada *was* over the host: and Zadok and Abiathar *were* the
priests: and Azariah the son of Nathan *was* over the officers: 5
and Zabud the son of Nathan *was* principal officer, *and* the king's
friend: 'and Ahishar *was* over the household: and Adoniram the 6
son of Abda *was* over the tribute.

AND Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which pro- 7
vided victuals for the king and his household: each man his
month in a year made provision. And these *are* their names: 8
the son of Hur, in mount Ephraim: 'the son of Dekar, in Makaz, 9
and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan: the 10
son of Hesed, in Aruboth; to him *pertained* Sochoh, and all the
land of Hephher: the son of Abinadab, in all the region of Dor; '1
which had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife: Baana 12
the son of Ahilud; to him *pertained* Taanach and Megiddo, and
all Beth-shean, which *is* by Zartanah beneath Jezreel, from Beth-
shean to Abel-meholah, *even* unto the place that *is* beyond Jok-
neam: the son of Geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him *pertained* the 13
towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which *are* in Gilead; to him
also pertained the region of Argob, which *is* in Bashan, three-
score great cities with walls and brazen bars: Abinadab the son 14
of Iddo *had* Mahanaim: Ahimaaz *was* in Naphtali; he also took 15
Basmath the daughter of Solomon to wife: Baanah the son of 16
Hushai *was* in Asher and in Aloth: Jehoshaphat the son of Pa- 17
ruah, in Issachar: 'Shimei the son of Elah, in Benjamin: 'Geber 18
the son of Uri *was* in the country of Gilead, *in* the country of
Sihon king of the Amorites, and of Og king of Bashan; and he
was the only officer which *was* in the land.

JUDAH and Israel *were* many, as the sand which *is* by the sea 20
in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry. And 21
Solomon reigned over all kingdoms, from the river unto the land
of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought
presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life. And Solo- 22
mon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour,
and threescore measures of meal, 'ten fat oxen, and twenty 23
oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts,
and roebucks, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl. For he had do- 24
minion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiph-
sah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he
had peace on all sides round about him. And Judah and Israel 25
dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree,
from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon. And 26
Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and
twelve thousand horsemen. And those officers provided victual 27
for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's
table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing. Barley 28
also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto

the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

AND God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about. And he spake three thousand sand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

AND Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon, for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God, for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, *so that there is* neither adversary nor evil occurrent. And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name. Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants: and unto thee will I give hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt appoint: for thou knowest that *there is* not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the Sidonians. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have considered the things which thou sentest to me for: *and* I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. My servants shall bring *them* down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be discharged there, and thou shalt receive *them*: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees, *according* to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him: and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

AND king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon,

ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home; and Adoniram was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, 15 and fourscore thousand hewers in the mountains; beside the 16 chief of Solomon's officers which were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which ruled over the people that wrought in the work. And the king commanded, and they 17 brought great stones, costly stones, and hewed stones, to lay the foundation of the house. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's 18 builders did hew them, and the stone-squarers: so they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

AND it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year 6 after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD. And the house which king Solomon built for 2 the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty 3 cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. And for the house he made windows of narrow lights. And 4,5 against the wall of the house he built chambers round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made chambers round about: 'the 6 nethermost chamber was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for without in the wall of the house he made narrowed rests round about, that the beams should not be fastened in the walls of the house. And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made 7 ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor ax nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. The door for the middle chamber was in the right 8 side of the house: and they went up with winding stairs into the middle chamber, and out of the middle into the third. So he 9 built the house, and finished it; and covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. And then he built chambers against 10 all the house, five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

AND the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, 'Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk 11 in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father: and I will dwell 13 among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel. So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 14

AND he built the walls of the house within with boards of 15 cedar, both the floor of the house, and the walls of the ceiling: and he covered them on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. And he built twenty cubits 16 on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with

boards of cedar: he even built *them* for it within, *even* for the oracle, *even* for the most holy *place*. And the house, that *is*, the temple before it, *was* forty cubits *long*. And the cedar of the house within *was* carved with knops and open flowers: all *was* cedar; there was no stone seen. And the oracle he prepared in the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. And the oracle in the fore-part *was* twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof: and he overlaid it with pure gold; and so covered the altar *which was* of cedar. So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he made a partition by the chains of gold before the oracle: and he overlaid it with gold. And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until he had finished all the house: also the whole altar that *was* by the oracle he overlaid with gold.

AND within the oracle he made two cherubims of olive tree, *each* ten cubits high. And five cubits *was* the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part of the other *were* ten cubits. And the other cherub *was* ten cubits: both the cherubims *were* of one measure and one size. The height of the one cherub *was* ten cubits, and so *was* it of the other cherub. And he set the cherubims within the inner house: and they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims, so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. And he overlaid the cherubims with gold.

AND he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, within and without. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive tree: the lintel *and* side-posts *were* a fifth part of the wall. The two doors also *were* of olive tree; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold, and spread gold upon the cherubims, and upon the palm trees. So also made he for the door of the temple posts of olive tree, a fourth part of the wall. And the two doors *were* of fir tree: the two leaves of the one door *were* folding, and the two leaves of the other door *were* folding. And he carved *thereon* cherubims and palm trees and open flowers; and covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work. And he built the inner court with three rows of hewed stone, and a row of cedar beams.

IN the fourth year was the foundation of the house of the LORD laid, in the month Zif: and in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which *is* the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it. But Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. He built also the house of the forest of Lebanon; the

length thereof *was* an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the beams, that *lay* on forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. And *there were* windows in three rows, and light *was* against light in three ranks. And all the doors and posts *were* square, with the windows: and light *was* against light in three ranks. And he made a porch of pillars; the length thereof *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits: and the porch *was* before them: and the *other* pillars and the thick beam *were* before them. Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment: and *it was* covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other. And his house where he dwelt *had* another court within the porch, *which* was of the like work. Solomon made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken *to wife*, like unto this porch. All these *were of* costly stones, according to the measures of hewed stones, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside toward the great court. And the foundation *was of* costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. And above *were* costly stones, after the measures of hewed stones, and cedars. And the great court round about *was* with three rows of hewed stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD, and for the porch of the house.

AND king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. ¹He *was* a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father *was* a man of Tyre, a worker in brass: and he was filled with wisdom and understanding, and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, and wrought all his work. For he cast two pillars of brass, of eighteen cubits high a-piece: and a line of twelve cubits did compass either of them about. And he made two chapiters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter *was* five cubits, and the height of the other chapter *was* five cubits: and nets of chequer work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapiters which *were* upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven for the other chapter. And he made the pillars, and two rows round about upon the one net-work, to cover the chapiters that *were* upon the top, with pomegranates: and so did he for the other chapter. And the chapiters that *were* upon the top of the pillars *were* of lily-work in the porch, four cubits. And the chapiters upon the two pillars *had* pomegranates also above, over-against the belly which *was* by the net-work: and the pomegranates *were* two hundred in rows round about upon the other chapter. And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof Boaz. And upon the top of the pillars *was* lily-work: so was the work of the pillars finished.

AND he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to 23
the other: *it was* round all about, and his height *was* five cubits:
and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. And under 24
the brim of it round about *there were* knops compassing it, ten in
a cubit, compassing the sea round about: the knops *were* cast in
two rows, when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three 25
looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west,
and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward
the east: and the sea *was set* above upon them, and all their
hinder parts *were* inward. And it *was* an hand-breadth thick, 26
and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, with
flowers of lilies: it contained two thousand baths.

AND he made ten bases of brass; four cubits *was* the length 27
of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits
the height of it. And the work of the bases *was* on this *manner*: 28
they had borders, and the borders *were* between the ledges: 'and 29
on the borders that *were* between the ledges *were* lions, oxen,
and cherubims; and upon the ledges *there was* a base above:
and beneath the lions and oxen *were* certain additions made of
thin work. And every base had four brazen wheels, and plates 30
of brass: and the four corners thereof had undersetters: under
the laver *were* undersetters molten, at the side of every addition.
And the mouth of it within the chapter and above *was* a cubit: 31
but the mouth thereof *was* round, *after* the work of the base, a
cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it *were* gravings
with their borders, four-square, not round. And under the bor- 32
ders *were* four wheels; and the axletrees of the wheels *were joined*
to the base: and the height of a wheel *was* a cubit and half a
cubit. And the work of the wheels *was* like the work of a 33
chariot-wheel: their axletrees, and their naves, and their felloes,
and their spokes, *were* all molten. And *there were* four under- 34
setters to the four corners of one base; and the undersetters
were of the very base itself. And in the top of the base *was there* 35
a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base
the ledges thereof and the borders thereof *were* of the same. For 36
on the plates of the ledges thereof, and on the borders thereof,
he graved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the
proportion of every one, and additions round about. After this 37
manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one
measure, and one size. Then made he ten lavers of brass: one 38
laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits:
and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. And he put five 39
bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of
the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house east-
ward, over-against the south.

AND Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. 40
So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king
Solomon for the house of the LORD: the two pillars, and the two 41
bowls of the chapters that *were* on the top of the two pillars; and
the two net-works, to cover the two bowls of the chapters which
were upon the top of the pillars; and four hundred pomegranates 42

for the two net-works, *even* two rows of pomegranates for one net-work, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that *were* upon the pillars; 'and the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases; 'and 43 one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea; and the pots, and the 45 shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, *were of* bright brass. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay 46 ground between Succoth and Zarthan. And Solomon left all 47 the vessels *unweighed*, because they were exceeding many: neither was the weight of the brass found out.

AND Solomon made all the vessels that *pertained* unto the 48 house of the LORD: the altar of gold, and the table of gold, whereupon the show-bread *was*, 'and the candlesticks of pure 49 gold, five on the right *side*, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs *of* gold, 'and the 50 bowls, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and the censers *of* pure gold; and the hinges *of* gold, *both* for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place*, and for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the temple. So was ended all the work that 51 king Solomon made for the house of the LORD. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated; *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, did he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads 8 of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto 2 king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests 3 took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, 4 and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, *even* those did the priests and the Levites bring up. And king Solomon, and all the congregation 5 of Israel, that were assembled unto him, *were* with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of 6 the covenant of the LORD unto his place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims. For the cherubims spread forth *their* two wings over 7 the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof above. And they drew out the staves, that 8 the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy *place* before the oracle, and they were not seen without, and there they are unto this day. *There was* nothing in the ark save the two tables 9 of stone, which Moses put there at Horeb when the LORD made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were 10 come out of the holy *place*, that the cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of 11

the cloud : for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

THEN spake Solomon, The LORD said that he would dwell 12
in the thick darkness. I have surely built thee an house to 13
dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide in for ever. And the 14
king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of
Israel: (and all the congregation of Israel stood;) and he said, 15
Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, which spake with his mouth
unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying,
Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, 16
I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house,
that my name might be therein; but I chose David to be over
my people Israel. And it was in the heart of David my father 17
to build an house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. And 18
the LORD said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine
heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it
was in thine heart. Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; 19
but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build
the house unto my name. And the LORD hath performed his 20
word that he spake, and I am risen up in the room of David my
father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised,
and have built an house for the name of the LORD God of Is-
rael. And I have set there a place for the ark, wherein is the 21
covenant of the LORD, which he made with our fathers, when
he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

AND Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the 22
presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his
hands toward heaven: and he said, LORD God of Israel, there 23
is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who
keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before
thee with all their heart; who hast kept with thy servant Da- 24
vid my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with
thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.
Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant 25
David my father that thou promisedst him, saying, There shall
not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel: so
that thy children take heed to their way, that they walk before
me as thou hast walked before me. And now, O God of Israel, 26
let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto
thy servant David my father. But will God indeed dwell on 27
the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot
contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?
Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to 28
his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry
and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee to-day:
That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, 29
even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall
be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy
servant shall make toward this place. And hearken thou to the 30
supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they
shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwell-

ing-place: and when thou hearest, forgive. If any man trespass 31
against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him
to swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house:
then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, con- 32
demning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head; and justifying
the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.
When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, be- 33
cause they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to
thee, and confess thy name, and pray, and make supplication
unto thee in this house: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive 34
the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land
which thou gavest unto their fathers. When heaven is shut up, 35
and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if
they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from
their sin, when thou afflictest them: then hear thou in heaven, 36
and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel,
that thou teach them the good way wherein they should walk,
and give rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people
for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if there be 37
pestilence, blasting, mildew, locust, or if there be caterpillar; if
their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever
plague, whatsoever sickness, *there be*; what prayer and supplica- 38
tion soever be *made* by any man, or by all thy people Israel,
which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and
spread forth his hands towards this house: Then hear thou in 39
heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to
every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest;
for thou, *even* thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children
of men;) that they may fear thee all the days that they live in 40
the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. Moreover con- 41
cerning a stranger, that *is* not of thy people Israel, but cometh
out of a far country for thy name's sake; (for they shall hear of 42
thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched-
out arm:) when he shall come and pray toward this house; 'hear 43
thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that
the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth
may know thy name, to fear thee, as *do* thy people Israel; and
that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is 44
called by thy name. If thy people go out to battle against their
enemy, whithersoever thou shalt send them, and shalt pray unto
the LORD, toward the city which thou hast chosen, and *toward*
the house that I have built for thy name: then hear thou in 45
heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their
cause. If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man that sinneth 46
not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the
enemy, so that they carry them away captives unto the land of
the enemy, far or near; *yet* if they shall bethink themselves in 47
the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and
make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried
them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely,
we have committed wickedness: and *so* return unto thee with 48

all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies, which led them away captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cause. And forgive thy people that have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee, and give them compassion before them who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them: for they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron: that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them in all that they call for unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O LORD God.

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, Blessed be the LORD, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand of Moses his servant. The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us: ' that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgments, which he commanded our fathers. And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the LORD, be nigh unto the LORD our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel at all times, as the matter shall require: that all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, and that there is none else. Let your heart therefore be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

AND the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto the LORD, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings; because the brazen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings. And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt, before the LORD our God,

seven days and seven days, *even* fourteen days. On the eighth 66
day he sent the people away: and they blessed the king, and
went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the good-
ness that the LORD had done for David his servant, and for
Israel his people.

And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building 9
of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solo- 2
mon's desire which he was pleased to do, that the LORD ap- 2
peared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto 3
him at Gibeon. And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy 3
prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I
have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name
there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there
perpetually. And if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy 4
father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do 4
according to all that I have commanded thee, *and* wilt keep my 5
statutes and my judgments: then I will establish the throne of 5
thy kingdom upon Israel for ever, as I promised to David thy
father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne
of Israel. *But* if ye shall at all turn from following me, ye or 6
your children, and will not keep my commandments *and* my 6
statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other
gods, and worship them: then will I cut off Israel out of the 7
land which I have given them; and this house, which I have 7
hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel 8
shall be a proverb and a byword among all people: and at this 8
house, *which* is high, every one that passeth by it shall be aston-
ished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD
done thus unto this land and to this house? and they shall an- 9
swer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, who brought
forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold
upon other gods, and have worshipped them, and served them:
therefore hath the LORD brought upon them all this evil.

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solo- 10
mon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD, and the
king's house, (*now* Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solo- 11
mon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to
all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in
the land of Galilee. And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the 12
cities which Solomon had given him: and they pleased him not.
And he said, What cities *are* these which thou hast given me, 13
my brother? And he called them the land of Cabul unto this
day. And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold. 14

AND this *is* the reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; 15
for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and
Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo, and
Gezer. For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken 16
Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that
dwelt in the city, and given it *for* a present unto his daughter,
Solomon's wife. And Solomon built Gezer, and Beth-horon the 17
nether, 'and Baalath, and Tadmor in the wilderness, in the land, 18

and all the cities of store that Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion. And all the people *that were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites, which *were* not of the children of Israel, their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able utterly to destroy, upon those did Solomon levy a tribute of bond-service unto this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen: but they *were* men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. These *were* the chief of the officers that *were* over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build Millo. And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt-offerings and peace-offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, and he burnt incense upon the altar that *was* before the LORD. So he finished the house.

AND king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red sea, in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not *any* thing hid from the king, which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy *are* thy men, happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of

Sheba gave to king Solomon. And the navy also of Hiram, 11
that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty
of almug trees, and precious stones. And the king made of the 12
almug trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's
house, harps also, and psalteries for singers: there came no such
almug trees, nor were seen unto this day. And king Solomon 13
gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she
asked, beside *that* which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty.
So she turned and went to her own country, she and her ser-
vants.

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year 14
was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, beside *that he* 15
had of the merchantmen, and of the traffic of the spice mer-
chants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of
the country. And king Solomon made two hundred targets of 16
beaten gold; six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target.
And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound 17
of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house
of the forest of Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great throne 18
of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. The throne had six 19
steps, and the top of the throne *was* round behind: and *there*
were stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions
stood beside the stays. And twelve lions stood there on the one 20
side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like
made in any kingdom. And all king Solomon's drinking vessels 21
were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Leb-
anon *were of* pure gold; none *were of* silver: it was nothing
accounted of in the days of Solomon. For the king had at sea a 22
navy of Tharshish with the navy of Hiram: once in three years
came the navy of Tharshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and
apes, and peacocks. So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of 23
the earth for riches and for wisdom. And all the earth sought 24
to Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.
And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and 25
vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and
mules, a rate year by year. And Solomon gathered together 26
chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred
chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he bestowed in
the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the 27
king made silver *to be* in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made
he to be as the sycamore trees that *are* in the vale for abundance.
And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: 28
the king's merchants received the linen yarn at a price. And a 29
chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels*
of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all
the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring
them out by their means.

BUT king Solomon loved many strange women, together with 11
the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites,
Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; of the nations concerning which 2
the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to

them, neither shall they come in unto you: *for* surely they will turn your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, *that* his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as *was* the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. And Solomon did evil! in the sight of the LORD, and went not fully after the LORD, as *did* David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill that *is* before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of Ammon. And likewise did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: *but* I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; *but* will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

AND the LORD stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he *was* of the king's seed in Edom. For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom; (for six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:) that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad *being* yet a little child. And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing; howbeit let me go in any wise.

AND God stirred him up *another* adversary, Rezon the son of 23
Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah : and 24
he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band,
when David slew them of *Zobah* : and they went to Damascus,
and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. And he was an 25
adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief
that Hadad *did* : and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

AND Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zereda, 26
Solomon's servant, whose mother's name *was* Zeruah, a widow
woman, even he lifted up *his* hand against the king. And this 27
was the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king : Solo-
mon built Millo, *and* repaired the breaches of the city of David
his father. And the man Jeroboam *was* a mighty man of valor : 28
and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he
made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph. And 29
it came to pass at that time when Jeroboam went out of Jerusa-
lem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way ;
and he had clad himself with a new garment ; and they two 30
were alone in the field : and Ahijah caught the new garment 30
that *was* on him, and rent it *in* twelve pieces : and he said to 31
Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces : for thus saith the LORD, the
God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of
Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee : (but he shall have 32
one tribe for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake,
the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel :) be- 33
cause that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ash-
toreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the
Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and
have not walked in my ways, to do *that which is* right in mine
eyes, and to *keep* my statutes and my judgments, as *did* David
his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of 34
his hand : but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for
David my servant's sake, whom I chose, because he kept my
commandments and my statutes : but I will take the kingdom 35
out of his son's hand, and will give it unto thee, *even* ten tribes.
And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant 36
may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which
I have chosen me to put my name there. And I will take thee, 37
and thou shalt reign according to all that thy soul desireth, and
shalt be king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken 38
unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and
do *that is* right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my com-
mandments, as David my servant did ; that I will be with thee,
and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give
Israel unto thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, 39
but not for ever. Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam. 40
And Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of
Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

AND the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and 41
his wisdom, *are* they not written in the book of the acts of Solo-
mon ? And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all 42

Israel *was* forty years. And Solomon slept with his fathers, and 43
was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his
son reigned in his stead.

AND Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come 12
to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jero- 2
boam the son of Nebat, who was yet in Egypt, heard of *it*, (for
he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam
dwelt in Egypt;) 'that they sent and called him. And Jeroboam
and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake unto Reho- 4
boam saying, 'Thy father made our yoke grievous: now there-
fore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy
yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee.
And he said unto them, Depart yet *for* three days, then come 5
again to me. And the people departed. 'And king Rehoboam 6
consulted with the old men, that stood before Solomon his father
while he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I may answer
this people? And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a 7
servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and an-
swer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy
servants for ever. But he forsook the counsel of the old men, 8
which they had given him, and consulted with the young men
that were grown up with him, *and* which stood before him:
and he said unto them, What counsel give ye that we may an- 9
swer this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the
yoke which thy father did put upon us lighter? And the young 10
men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus
shalt thou speak unto this people that spake unto thee, saying,
Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it* lighter unto
us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little *finger* shall be 11
thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did
lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father
hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scor-
pions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the 12
third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again
the third day. And the king answered the people roughly, and 13
forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; and spake to 14
them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made
your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke; my father *also*
chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
Wherefore the king hearkened not unto the people; for the 15
cause was from the LORD, that he might perform his saying,
which the LORD spake by Ahijah the Shilonite unto Jeroboam
the son of Nebat. So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened 16
not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What por-
tion have we in David? neither *have we* inheritance in the son
of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house,
David. So Israel departed unto their tents. 'But *as for* the 17
children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam
reigned over them. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who 18
was over the tribute; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that
he died. Therefore king Rehoboam made speed to get him up

to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against 19
the house of David unto this day. And it came to pass, when 20
all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent
and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over
all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but
the tribe of Judah only.

AND when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled 21
all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred
and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight
against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehobo-
am the son of Solomon. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah 22
the man of God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam, the son of Solo- 23
mon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benja-
min, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Thus saith the 24
LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the
children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this
thing is from me. They hearkened therefore to the word of the
LORD, and returned to depart, according to the word of the
LORD.

THEN Jeroboam built Shechem in mount Ephraim, and dwelt 25
therein; and went out from thence, and built Penuel. And 26
Jeroboam said in his heart, Now shall the kingdom return to the
house of David: if this people go up to do sacrifice in the house 27
of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people
turn again unto their lord, *even* unto Rehoboam king of Judah,
and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah.
Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, 28
and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem:
behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land
of Egypt. And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other put he 29
in Dan. And this thing became a sin: for the people went 30
to worship before the one, *even* unto Dan. And he made an 31
house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the
people, which were not of the sons of Levi. And Jeroboam or- 32
dained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the
month, like unto the feast that *is* in Judah, and he offered upon
the altar. So did he in Beth-el, sacrificing unto the calves
that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the
high places which he had made. So he offered upon the altar 33
which he had made in Beth-el the fifteenth day of the eighth
month, *even* in the month which he had devised of his own
heart; and ordained a feast unto the children of Israel: and he
offered upon the altar, and burnt incense.

AND, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the 13
word of the LORD unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam stood by the
altar to burn incense. And he cried against the altar in the word 2
of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Be-
hold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name;
and upon thee shall he offer the priests of the high places that
burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon
thee. And he gave a sign the same day, saying, 'This *is* the sign 3

which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that *are* upon it shall be poured out. And it came 4
 to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Beth-el, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. The altar also was rent, and 5
 the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. And 6
 the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as *it was* before. And the king said unto the man of God, Come 7
 home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. And the man of God, said unto the king, If thou wilt 8
 give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: for so was it charged 9
 me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. So 10
 he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and his sons came 11
 and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father. And their father said unto 12
 them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. And he said unto 13
 his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon, 'and went after the man of God, and found 14
 him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, *Art* thou the man of God that camest from Judah? and he said, *I am*. Then 15
 he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. And he 16
 said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: for it 17
 was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way 18
 that thou camest. He said unto him, *I am* a prophet also as thou *art*; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may 19
 eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied unto him. 'So he went 20
 back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of 21
 the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back: and he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the 22
 mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee, 'but camest back, and hast 23
 eaten bread and drunk water in the place of the which *the LORD* did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers. And 23

it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, *to wit*, for the prophet whom he had brought back. And when he was gone, a lion met him by 24 the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass. And, 25 behold, men passed by, and saw the carcass cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcass: and they came and told *it* in the city where the old prophet dwelt. And when the 26 prophet that brought him back from the way heard *thereof*, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the word of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake unto him. And he spake to his 27 sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled *him*. 'And 28 he went and found his carcass cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcass: the lion had not eaten the carcass, nor torn the ass. And the prophet took up the carcass 29 of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and the old prophet came to the city, to mourn and to bury him. And he laid his carcass in his own grave: and they mourned 30 over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! And it came to pass, after 31 he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, *saying*, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God *is* buried; lay my bones beside his bones: for the saying which he 32 cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Beth-el, and against all the houses of the high places which *are* in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

AFTER this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, 33 but made again of the lowest of the people priests of the high places: whosoever would, he consecrated him, and he became 34 *one* of the priests of the high places. And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut *it* off, and to destroy *it* from off the face of the earth.

AT that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. 'And 14 Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there *is* Ahijah the prophet, which told me that *I should be* king over this people. And take with 3 thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child. And 4 Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were set by reason of his age. And the LORD said unto Ahi- 5 jah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to ask a thing of thee for her son; for he *is* sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself *to be* another woman. And it was *so*, when Ahijah heard 6 the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself *to be* another? for I *am* sent to thee *with* heavy tidings. Go, tell 7 Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Forasmuch as I

exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that only which was* right in mine eyes; but hast done evil above all that were before thee: for thou hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back: therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam him that pisseth against the wall, *and* him that is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the remnant of the house of Jeroboam, as a man taketh away dung, till it be all gone. Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the LORD hath spoken *it*. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine own house: *and* when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him: for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: but what? even now. For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger. And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin. And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: *and* when she came to the threshold of the door, the child died; *'and* they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servant Ahijah the prophet.

AND the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. And the days which Jeroboam reigned *were* two-and-twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

AND Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam *was* forty-and-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. *'And* Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. And there were also sodomites in the land: *and* they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

AND it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, *that* Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem: and he took

away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house: he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead brazen shields, and committed *them* unto the hands of the chief of the guard, which kept the door of the king's house. And it was *so*, when the king went into the house of the LORD, that the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all *their* days. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name *was* Naamah, an Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat reigned Abijam over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem: because David did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, and turned not aside from any *thing* that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam all the days of his life. Now the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Abijam and Jeroboam. And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

AND in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. And forty-and-one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt *it* by the brook Kidron. But the high places were not removed: nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD, silver, and gold, and vessels.

AND there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. Then Asa took all the silver and the

gold *that were* left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, *There is* a league between me and thee, *and* 19
between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; come and break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. So Ben- 20
hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of the hosts which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maachah, and all Cinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard 21
thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah: none 22
was exempted: and they took away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and king Asa built with them Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

THE rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that 23
he did, and the cities which he built, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. And Asa 24
slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead.

AND Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel 25
in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and 26
walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house 27
of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel laid siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa 28
king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass, when he reigned, *that* he smote all the 29
house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him, according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: be- 30
cause of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Na- 31
dab, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

AND there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel 32
all their days. In the third year of Asa king of Judah began 33
Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, twenty-and-four years. And he did evil in the sight of the 34
LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. Then the word of the LORD 16
came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, Foras- 2
much as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee prince over my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam,

and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; behold, I will take away the posterity of Baasha, and the posterity of his house; and will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the fields shall the fowls of the air eat. Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah: and Elah his son reigned in his stead. And also by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam; and because he killed him.

In the twenty-and-sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, two years. And his servant Zimri, captain of half *his* chariots, conspired against him, as he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza steward of *his* house in Tirzah. And Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty-and-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, *that* he slew all the house of Baasha: he left him not one that pisseth against a wall, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 'for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, by which they sinned, and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

In the twenty-and-seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. And the people *were* encamped against Gibbethon, which *belonged* to the Philistines. And the people *that were* encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also slain the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that day in the camp. And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the palace of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died. For his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

THEN were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed Omri. But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath:

so Tibni died, and Omri reigned. In the thirty-and-first year of 23
 Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, twelve years :
 six years reigned he in Tirzah. And he bought the hill Sa- 24
 maria of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the hill,
 and called the name of the city which he built, after the name
 of Shemer, owner of the hill Samaria. But Omri wrought evil 25
 in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all that *were* before
 him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of 26
 Nebat, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin, to pro-
 voke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. Now 27
 the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he
 showed, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the
 kings of Israel? So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried 28
 in Samaria : and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.

AND in the thirty-and-eighth year of Asa king of Judah began 29
 Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel : and Ahab the son of
 Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-and-two years. And 30
 Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above
 all that *were* before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been 31
 a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of
 Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king
 of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped
 him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, 32
 which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove ; and 33
 Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger
 than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho : he laid the 34
 foundation thereof in Abiram his first-born, and set up the gates
 thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the
 LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.

AND Elijah the Tishbite, *who was* of the inhabitants of Gilead, 17
 said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom
 I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according
 to my word. And the word of the LORD came unto him, say- 2
 ing, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself 3
 by the brook Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. And it shall be, 4
 that thou shalt drink of the brook : and I have commanded the
 ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto 5
 the word of the LORD : for he went and dwelt by the brook
 Cherith, that *is* before Jordan. And the ravens brought him 6
 bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the
 evening ; and he drank of the brook. And it came to pass after 7
 a while, that the brook dried up, because there had been no
 rain in the land.

AND the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, ' Arise, 8,9
 get thee to Zarephath, which *belongeth* to Zidon, and dwell there :
 behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain
 thee. ' So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came 10
 to the gate of the city, behold, the widow woman *was* there
 gathering of sticks : and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I
 pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. And as 11

she was going to fetch *it*, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine hand. And she said, As 12
the LORD thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in a barrel, and a little oil in a cruse: and, behold, I *am* gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, 13
Fear not; go *and* do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring *it* unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the LORD God of Israel, The 14
barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day *that* the LORD sendeth rain upon the earth. And 15
she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and her house, did eat *many* days. *And* the barrel of meal 16
wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Elijah.

AND it came to pass after these things, *that* the son of the 17
woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him. And she said unto 18
Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to call my sin to remembrance, and to slay my son? ' And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took 19
him out of her bosom, and carried him up into a loft, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the 20
LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? And 21
he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. ' And the LORD heard the 22
voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him 23
down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. And the 24
woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that thou *art* a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in thy mouth *is* truth.

AND it came to pass *after* many days, that the word of the 18
LORD came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, show thyself unto Ahab: and I will send rain upon the earth. And Elijah 2
went to show himself unto Ahab. And *there was* a sore famine in Samaria. And Ahab called Obadiah, which *was* the governor 3
of *his* house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: ' for it was 4
so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) And Ahab said unto Obadiah, 5
Go into the land, unto all fountains of water, and unto all brooks: peradventure we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, that we lose not all the beasts. So they divided the land 6
between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another way by himself. And as 7
Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, *Art* thou that my lord Elijah? And he answered him, I *am*: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah *is* 8

here. And he said, What have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, *He is not there*; he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, *Elijah is here*. And it shall come to pass, *as soon as* I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and *so* when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth. Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, *Elijah is here*: and he shall slay me. And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to day. So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, *Art* thou he that troubleth Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim. Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 'Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood and put no fire *under*: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood and put no fire *under*: and call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under*. And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when

mid-day was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that I am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench. And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

AND Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees, 'and said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. 'And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare *thy* chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. 'And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

AND Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to-morrow about this time. And when he saw *that*, he arose,

and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which *belongeth* to Judah, and left his servant there.

BUT he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life; for I *am* not better than my fathers. And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise *and* eat. And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. And the angel of the LORD came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise, *and* eat; because the journey *is* too great for thee. And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

AND he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake: and after the earthquake a fire; *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was *so*, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, *there came* a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, *even* I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. And the LORD said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael *to be* king over Syria: and Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room. And it shall come to pass, *that* him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet I have left *me* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I

will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? And he returned back from him, and 21 took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

AND Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host to-20 gether: and *there were* thirty-and-two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and warred against it. And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel into 2 the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad. 'Thy silver 3 and thy gold *is* mine; thy wives also, and thy children, *even* the goodliest, *are* mine. And the king of Israel answered and said, 4 My lord, O king, according to thy saying, I *am* thine, and all that I have. And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh 5 Ben-hadad, saying, Although I have sent unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children: yet I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about 6 this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, *that* whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put *it* in their hand, and take *it* away. Then 7 the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this *man* seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. And all the 8 elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken not *unto him*, nor consent. Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben- 9 hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And 10 the messengers departed, and brought him word again. And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me. And the king of Israel answered 11 and said, Tell *him*, Let not him that girdeth on *his* harness boast himself as he that putteth it off. And it came to pass, when 12 *Ben-hadad* heard this message, as he *was* drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set *your-* selves in array. And they set *themselves* in array against the city. And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Is- 13 rael, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD. And Ahab said, By 14 whom? And he said, Thus saith the LORD, *Even* by the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, Thou. 'Then he numbered 15 the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he numbered all the people, *even* all the children of Israel, *being* seven thousand. And they went out at noon: But Ben-hadad *was* drinking him- 16 self drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-and-two kings that helped him. And the young men of the princes of 17

the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out of Samaria. And he 18 said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. So these 19 young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. And they slew every one 20 his man: and the Syrians fled; and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with the horsemen. And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses 21 and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. And 22 the prophet came to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.

AND the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their 23 gods *are* gods of the hills: therefore they were stronger than we; but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And do this thing, Take the kings 24 away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their rooms: and number thee an army, like the army that thou hast 25 lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, *and* surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. ' And it 26 came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. And 27 the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them: and the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids: but the Syrians filled the country. And there came a man of God, and spake unto the king of 28 Israel, and said, Thus saith the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, The LORD is God of the hills, but he is not God of the valleys, therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. And they 29 pitched one over-against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined: and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred thousand footmen in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city: and *there* a 30 wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand of the men *that were* left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an inner chamber.

And his servant said unto him, Behold now, we have heard 31 that the kings of the house of Israel *are* merciful kings: let us, I pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy life. So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and *put* ropes on 32 their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, *Is* he yet alive? he *is* my brother. Now the men did diligently 33 observe whether *any thing would come* from him, and did hastily catch it: and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he

caused him to come up into the chariot. And *Ben-hadad* said 34
unto him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, I
will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus,
as my father made in Samaria. Then said *Ahab*, I will send
thee away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with
him, and sent him away.

AND a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his 35
neighbor in the word of the LORD, Smite me, I pray thee. And
the man refused to smite him. Then said he unto him, Because 36
thou hast not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as
thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon
as he was departed from him, a lion found him, and slew him.
Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. 37
And the man smote him, so that in smiting he wounded him.
So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, 38
and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. And as the 39
king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant
went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned
aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if
by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life,
or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. And as thy servant was 40
busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said
unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it.
And he hastened, and took the ashes away from his face; and the 41
king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. And 42
he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Because thou hast let
go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction,
therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his
people. And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and 43
displeased, and came to Samaria.

AND it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jez-21
reelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace
of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, 2
Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs,
because it is near unto my house: and I will give thee for it a
better vineyard than it; or, if it seem good to thee, I will give
thee the worth of it in money. And Naboth said to Ahab, The 3
LORD forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my
fathers unto thee. And Ahab came into his house heavy and 4
displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had
spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inher-
itance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and
turned away his face, and would eat no bread. But Jezebel his 5
wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad,
that thou eatest no bread? And he said unto her, Because I spake 6
unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy
vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee
another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee
my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou 7
now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let
thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth

the Jezreelite. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed 8
them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to 9
the nobles that *were* in his city, dwelling with Naboth. And she 9
wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on 10
high among the people: and set two men, sons of Belial, before 10
him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst blaspheme 11
God and the king. And *then* carry him out, and stone him, that 11
he may die. And the men of his city, *even* the elders and the 11
nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had 12
sent unto them, *and* as it *was* written in the letters which she 12
had sent unto them. They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth 13
on high among the people. And there came in two men, chil- 13
dren of Belial, and sat before him: and the men of Belial wit- 14
nessed against him, *even* against Naboth, in the presence of the 14
people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then 15
they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him with 15
stones, that he died. Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth 16
is stoned, and is dead. And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard 16
that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to 17
Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jez- 17
reelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is 18
not alive, but dead. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard that 18
Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard 19
of Naboth the Jezreelite, to take possession of it.

AND the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, say- 19
ing, Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which *is* in 20
Samaria: behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is 20
gone down to possess it. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, 21
Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken posses- 21
sion? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the 22
LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall 22
dogs lick thy blood, *even* thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast 23
thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found 23
thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of 24
the LORD. Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take 24
away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth 25
against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel, 'and 25
will make thine house like the house of Jeroboam the son of 26
Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the 26
provocation wherewith thou hast provoked *me* to anger, and 27
made Israel to sin. And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, say- 27
ing, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel. Him 28
that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that 28
dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat. But there was 29
none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness 29
in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 30
And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all 30
things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the 31
children of Israel. And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those 31
words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, 32
and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. And the word 32

of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Seest thou 29
how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth
himself before me, I will not bring the evil in his days: *but* in
his son's days will I bring the evil upon his house.

AND they continued three years without war between Syria 22
and Israel. And it came to pass in the third year, that Jehosha- 2
phat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. And 3
the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth
in Gilead *is* our's, and we *be* still, *and* take it not out of the hand
of the king of Syria? And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou 4
go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said
to the king of Israel, I *am* as thou *art*, my people as thy people,
my horses as thy horses. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king 5
of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to-day.
Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about 6
four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall I go against Ra-
moth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up;
for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. And 7
Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD be-
sides, that we might inquire of him? And the king of Israel said 8
unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, Micaiah the son of Im-
lah, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him;
for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And
Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. Then the king of Is- 9
rael called an officer; and said, Hasten *hither* Micaiah the son
of Imlah. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of 10
Judah sat each on his throne, having put on their robes, in a void
place in the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the
prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of 11
Chenaanah made him horns of iron: and he said, Thus saith the
LORD, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have
consumed them. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, 12
Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver
it into the king's hand. And the messenger that was gone to 13
call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold, now, the words of
the prophets *declare* good unto the king with one mouth: let thy
word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak
that which is good. And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, 14
what the LORD saith unto me, that will I speak. So he came 15
to the king. And the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go
against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he
answered him, Go, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it*
into the hand of the king. And the king said unto him, How 16
many times shall I adjure thee that thou tell me nothing but *that*
which is true in the name of the LORD? And he said, I saw all 17
Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd:
and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return
every man to his house in peace. And the king of Israel said 18
unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no
good concerning me, but evil? And he said, Hear thou therefore 19
the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on his throne,

and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab, 20 that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner, and another said on that manner. And there came 21 forth a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will persuade him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And 22 he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the 23 LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. But 24 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah went near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to speak unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, thou 25 shalt see in that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and 26 carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son: and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water 27 of affliction, until I come in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou 28 return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, Harken, O people, every one of you. So the king of 29 Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will dis- 30 guise myself, and enter into the battle: but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-and-two captains 31 that had rule over his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. And it came to 32 pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him: and Jehoshaphat cried out. And it came 33 to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king 34 of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host: for I am wounded. And the battle increased 35 that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. And there went a proclamation 36 throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country. So 37 the king died, and was brought to Samaria: and they buried the king in Samaria. And one washed the chariot in the pool of 38 Samaria: and the dogs licked up his blood: and they washed his armor; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake. Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, 39 and the ivory house which he made, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the

kings of Israel? So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah 40
his son reigned in his stead.

AND Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in 41
the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. Jehoshaphat *was* thirty- 42
and-five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned
twenty-and-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in all the 43
ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing *that*
which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high
places were not taken away; *for* the people offered and burnt
incense yet in the high places. And Jehoshaphat made peace 44
with the king of Israel. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, 45
and his might that he showed, and how he warred, *are* they not
written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And 46
the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his
father Asa, he took out of the land. *There was* then no king in 47
Edom: a deputy *was* king. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish 48
to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were
broken at Ezion-geber. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto 49
Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships.
But Jehoshaphat would not. And Jehoshaphat slept with his 50
fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his
father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.

AHAZIAH the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Sa- 51
maria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and
reigned two years over Israel. And he did evil in the sight of 52
the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way
of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who
made Israel to sin; for he served Baal, and worshipped him, and 53
provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that
his father had done.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS,

COMMONLY CALLED,

THE FOURTH BOOK OF THE KINGS.

THEN Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 1
And Ahaziah fell down through a lattice in his upper chamber 2
that *was* in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and
said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron
whether I shall recover of this disease. But the angel of the 3
LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the mes-
sengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, *Is it* not be-
cause *there is* not a God in Israel, *that* ye go to inquire of Baal-
zebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the LORD, 4
Thou shalt not come down from that bed on which thou art

gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed. ' And when 5
the messengers turned back unto him, he said unto them, Why
are ye now turned back? And they said unto him, There came 6
a man up to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the
king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, *Is*
it not because *there is* not a god in Israel, *that* thou sendest to
inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron! therefore thou shalt
not come down from that bed on which thou art gone up, but
shalt surely die. And he said unto them, What manner of man 7
was he which came up to meet you, and told you these words?
And they answered him, *He was* an hairy man, and girt with a 8
girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, *It is* Elijah the
Tishbite. Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with 9
his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he sat on the
top of an hill. And he spake unto him, Thou man of God, the
king hath said, Come down. And Elijah answered and said to 10
the captain of fifty, *If I be* a man of God, then let fire come down
from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came
down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. Again 11
also he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And
he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the
king said, Come down quickly. And Elijah answered and said 12
unto them, *If I be* a man of God, let fire come down from heaven,
and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down
from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. And he sent 13
again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third
captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before
Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I
pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be
precious in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, 14
and burnt up the two captains of the former fifties with their
fifties: therefore let my life now be precious in thy sight. And 15
the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him:
be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him
unto the king. And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, 16
Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub
the god of Ekron, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to
inquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down off that
bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. So he died 17
according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken.
And Jehoram reigned in his stead, in the second year of Jehoram
the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.
Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, *are* they not 18
written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

AND it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah 2
into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from
Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; 2
for the LORD hath sent me to Beth-el. And Elisha said *unto him*,
As the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.
So they went down to Beth-el. ' And the sons of the prophets 3
that *were* at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him,

Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? and he answered, Yea, I know *it*; hold ye your peace. And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood to view afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground. And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me *when I am* taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

AND Elisha saw *it*, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan: and he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master; lest peradventure the Spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye shall not send. And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. And when they came again to him, (for he tarried at Jericho,) he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

AND the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, and the ground barren. And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought *it* to

him. And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast 21
the salt in there, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed
these waters; there shall not be from thence any more death or
barren *land*. So the waters were healed unto this day, accord- 22
ing to the saying of Elisha which he spake.

AND he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was 23
going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the
city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald head;
go up, thou bald head. And he turned back, and looked on 24
them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there
came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tare forty-and-
two children of them. And he went from thence to mount Car- 25
mel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel 3
Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and
reigned twelve years. And he wrought evil in the sight of the 2
LORD: but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put
away the image of Baal that his father had made. Nevertheless 3
he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which
made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

AND Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master, and rendered 4
unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hun-
dred thousand rams, with the wool. But it came to pass, when 5
Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king
of Israel. And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same 6
time, and numbered all Israel. And he went and sent to Je- 7
hoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath
rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to
battle? And he said, I will go up: I *am* as thou *art*, my people 8
as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. And he said, Which
way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the 9
wilderness of Edom. So the king of Israel went, and the king
of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass
of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host,
and for the cattle that followed them. And the king of Israel 10
said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together,
to deliver them into the hand of Moab! But Jehoshaphat said, 11
Is there not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may inquire
of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants
answered and said, Here *is* Elisha the son of Shaphat, which
poured water on the hands of Elijah. And Jehoshaphat said, 12
The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and
Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him. And 13
Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee?
get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of
thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the
LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them
into the hand of Moab. And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts 14
liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the
presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look
toward thee, nor see thee. 'But now bring me a minstrel. And 15

it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him. And he said, Thus saith the LORD, 16
Make this valley full of ditches. For thus saith the LORD, Ye 17
shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts. And this is *but* a light thing in the sight 18
of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand. And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and 19
shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. And it came to pass in 20
the morning, when the meat-offering was offered, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water. And when all the Moabites heard that the 21
kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border. And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon 22
the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side as red as blood: and they said, This is blood: the kings are surely 23
slain, and they have smitten one another: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. And when they came to the camp of Israel, the 24
Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: but they went forward smiting the Moabites, even in *their* country. And they beat down the cities, and on every 25
good piece of land cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the wells of water, and felled all the good trees: only in Kir-haraseth left they the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about *it*, and smote it. And when the king of 26
Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew swords, to break through *even* unto the king of Edom: but they could not. Then he took his 27
eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him *for* a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great indignation against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to *their own* land.

Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of 4
the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen. And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? 2
tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil. Then 3
he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, *even* empty vessels; borrow not a few. And when thou art come in, 4
thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and 5
upon her sons, who brought *the vessels* to her; and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she 6
said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, *There is not* a vessel more. And the oil stayed. Then she 7

came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

AND it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where *was* a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And *so* it was, *that* as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this *is* an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make a little chamber, I pray thee, on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber, and lay there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, she stood before him. And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what *is* to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. And he said, What then *is* to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no child, and her husband is old. 'And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood in the door. And he said, About this season, according to the time of life, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, *thou* man of God, do not lie unto thine handmaid. And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season that Elisha had said unto her, according to the time of life.

AND when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and *then* died. And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him, and went out. And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? *it is* neither new moon, nor sabbath. And she said, *It shall be* well. 'Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slack not *thy* riding for me, except I bid thee. So she went and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, *yonder is* that Shunammite: run now, I pray thee, to meet her, and say unto her, *Is it* well with thee? *is it* well with thy husband? *is it* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well. 'And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet: but Gehazi came near to thrust her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul *is* vexed within her: and the LORD hath hid *it* from me, and hath not told me. 'Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine

hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not: and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. And the mother of the child said, 30 *As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee.* And he arose, and followed her. ¹ And Gehazi passed on before 31 them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but *there was* neither voice nor hearing. Wherefore he went again to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. And when 32 Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, *and* laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon 33 them twain, and prayed unto the LORD. And he went up, and 34 lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands; and he stretched himself upon the child; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house to 35 and fro; and went up, and stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. And 36 he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up 37 thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

AND Elisha came again to Gilgal; and *there was* a dearth in 38 the land; and the sons of the prophets *were* sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. And one went out into the 39 field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred *them* into the pot of pottage: for they knew *them* not. So they poured out for the 40 men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O *thou* man of God, *there is* death in the pot. And they could not eat *thereof*. ¹ But he 41 said, Then bring meal. And he cast *it* into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot. And there came a man from Baal-shalisha, 42 and brought the man of God bread of the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley, and full ears of corn in the husk thereof. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. And his 43 servitor said, What! should I set this before an hundred men? He said again, Give the people, that they may eat: for thus saith the LORD, They shall eat, and shall leave *thereof*. So he set *it* 44 before them, and they did eat, and left *thereof*, according to the word of the LORD.

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was 5 a great man with his master, and honorable, because by him the LORD had given deliverance unto Syria: he was also a mighty man in valor, *but he was* a leper. And the Syrians had gone out 2 by companies, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she waited on Naaman's wife. And 3 she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord *were* with the prophet that *is* in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy. And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and 4

thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel. And the king of 5
 Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of
 Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver,
 and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And 6
 he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when
 this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have *therewith* sent Naa-
 man my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his
 leprosy. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read 7
 the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill
 and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover
 a man of his leprosy? wherefore consider, I pray you, and see
 how he seeketh a quarrel against me. And it was so, when Elisha 8
 the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had rent his
 clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou
 rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that
 there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his horses 9
 and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha.
 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in 10
 Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and
 thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, 11
 and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and
 stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike
 his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana 12
 and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of
 Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned
 and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and 13
 spake unto him, and said, My father, *if* the prophet had bid thee
do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done *it*? how much
 rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then 14
 went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, ac-
 cording to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came
 again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. And 15
 he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and
 came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know
 that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now there-
 fore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, As 16
 the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none.
 And he urged him to take *it*; but he refused. 'And Naaman 17
 said, Shall there not then, I pray thee, be given to thy servant
 two mules' burden of earth? for thy servant will henceforth
 offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto
 the LORD. In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant, *that* 18
 when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship
 there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the
 house of Rimmon: when I bow down myself in the house of
 Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this thing. And he 19
 said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little
 way.

BUT Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, 20
 my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at
 his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will

run after him, and take somewhat of him. So Gehazi followed 21
 after Naaman. And when Naaman saw *him* running after him,
 he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, *Is all*
well? ' And he said, All *is* well. My master hath sent me, say- 22
 ing, Behold, even now there he come to me from mount Ephraim
 two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray
 thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naa- 23
 man said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and
 bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of
 garments, and laid *them* upon two of his servants; and they bare 24
them before him. And when he came to the tower, he took
them from their hand, and bestowed *them* in the house: and he
 let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood 25
 before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence *comest*
thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. ' And 26
 he said unto him, Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man
 turned again from his chariot to meet thee? *Is it* a time to re-
 ceive money, and to receive garments, and olive-yards, and vine-
 yards, and sheep, and oxen, and men-servants, and maid-servants?
 'The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and 27
 unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper
 as white as snow.

AND the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the 6
 place where we dwell with thee is too strait for us. Let us go, 2
 we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam,
 and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And
 he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray thee, 3
 and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. ' So he 4
 went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut
 down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the ax-head fell 5
 into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, master! for it was
 borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? and he 6
 showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast *it* in
 thither; and the iron did swim. Therefore said he, Take *it* up 7
 to thee. And he put out his hand, and took it.

THEN the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel 8
 with his servants, saying, In such and such a place *shall be* my
 camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, 9
 Beware that thou pass not such a place: for thither the Syrians
 are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which 10
 the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself
 there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of 11
 Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants,
 and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us *is* for the
 king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O 12
 king: but Elisha, the prophet that *is* in Israel, telleth the king of
 Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bed-chamber. And 13
 he said, Go and spy where he *is*, that I may send and fetch him.
 And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dothan. 'Therefore 14
 sent he thither horses and chariots, and a great host: and they
 came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the 15

servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that *be* with us *are* 16 more than they that *be* with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, 17 LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain *was* full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed 18 unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, This *is* not the way, 19 neither *is* this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. But he led them to Samaria. 'And it came 20 to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men*, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, *they were* in the midst of Samaria. And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, 21 when he saw them, My father, shall I smite *them*? shall I smite *them*? And he answered, Thou shalt not smite *them*: wouldest 22 thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. And he prepared 23 great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

AND it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria 24 gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And 25 there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was *sold* for fourscore *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver. And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the 26 wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king! And he said, If the LORD do not help thee, whence 27 shall I help thee? out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press? 'And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she an- 28 swered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow. So we boiled 29 my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, 30 that he rent his clothes; and he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth within upon his flesh. Then he said, God do so and more also to me, if the head 31 of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day. But 32 Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and *the king* sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold him fast at the door: *is* not the sound of his master's feet behind him? And while he yet talked with 33

them, behold, the messenger came down unto him : and he said, Behold, this evil *is* of the LORD ; what should I wait for the LORD any longer ? Then Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD ; Thus saith the LORD. To-morrow about this time *shall* a measure of fine flour *be sold* for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. Then a lord on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, might this thing be ? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see *it* with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate : and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die ? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine *is* in the city, and we shall die there : and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians : if they save us alive, we shall live ; and if they kill us, we shall but die. And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians : and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, *there was* no man there. For the LORD had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, *even* the noise of a great host : and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, *even* the camp as it *was*, and fled for their life. And when these lepers came to the uttermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid *it* ; and came again, and entered into another tent, and carried thence *also*, and went and hid *it*. Then they said one to another, We do not well : this day *is* a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace : if we tarry till the morning light, some mischief will come upon us : now therefore come, that we may go and tell the king's household. So they came and called unto the porter of the city : and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they *were*. And he called the porters ; and they told *it* to the king's house within. And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we *be* hungry ; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive, and get into the city. And one of his servants answered and said, Let *some* take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left in the city, (behold, they *are* as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it : behold, *I say*, they *are* even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed :) and let us send and see. They took therefore two chariot horses ; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. And they went after them unto Jordan : and, lo, all the way *was* full of garments and vessels,

which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king. And the people went out, 16
and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD. And the king appointed 17
the lord on whose hand he leaned, to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. And it came to pass as the man of God had 18
spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria: and that lord answered the 19
man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof. And so it fell out unto him: for the people trode upon him in 20
the gate, and he died.

THEN spake Elisha unto the woman, whose son he had restored 3
to life, saying, Arise, and go thou, and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the LORD hath called for a famine: and it shall also come upon the land seven years. And the woman arose, and did after the saying of the man of 2
God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years.

AND it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman 3
returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. And the 4
king talked with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had re- 5
stored a dead body to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this *is* the woman, 6
and this *is* her son, whom Elisha restored to life. And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that *was* her's, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

AND Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of 7
Syria was sick: and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in 8
thine hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? So 9
Hazael went to meet him, and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this disease? And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou mayest cer- 10
tainly recover: howbeit the LORD hath showed me that he shall surely die. And he settled his countenance stedfastly, 11
until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. And Hazael 12

said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children, and rip up their women with child. And Hazael said, But what, *is* thy 13 servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, the LORD hath showed me that thou *shalt* be king over Syria. So he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; 14 who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me *that* thou shouldest surely recover. And it came to 15 pass on the morrow, that he took a thick cloth, and dipped *it* in water, and spread *it* on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

AND in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, 16 Jehoshaphat *being* then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah began to reign. Thirty-and-two years 17 old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, 18 as did the house of Ahab: for the daughter of Ahab was his wife: and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. Yet the LORD 19 would not destroy Judah for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him always a light, *and* to his children. In 20 his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. So Joram went over to Zair, and 21 all the chariots with him: and he rose by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled into their tents. Yet Edom re- 22 volted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Libnah revolted at the same time. And the rest of the acts of 23 Joram, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Joram slept with his 24 fathers, and was buried with his fathers, in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

IN the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, 25 did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. Two-and-twenty years old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign; 26 and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Athaliah, the daughter of Omri king of Israel. And he 27 walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as *did* the house of Ahab: for he *was* the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. And he went with Joram the 28 son of Ahab to the war against Hazael king of Syria in Ramoth-gilead; and the Syrians wounded Joram. And king Joram 29 went back to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

AND Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the 9 prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead: and when thou 2

comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the
 son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among
 his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber: then take the
 box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD,
 I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door,
 and flee, and tarry not. So the young man, *even* the young man
 the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. And when he came, be-
 hold, the captains of the host *were* sitting; and he said, I have
 an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all
 us? And he said, To thee, O captain. 'And he arose, and went
 into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto
 him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed thee
 king over the people of the LORD, *even* over Israel. And thou
 shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge
 the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the
 servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. For the whole
 house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab him
 that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in
 Israel: and I will make the house of Ahab like the house of
 Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the
 son of Abijah: and the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of
 Jezreel, and *there shall be none* to bury *her*. And he opened the
 door, and fled. Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his
 lord: and *one* said unto him, *Is all well?* wherefore came this
 mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man,
 and his communication. And they said, *It is false*; tell us now.
 And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith
 the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then they
 hasted, and took every man his garment, and put it under him
 on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu
 is king. So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi con-
 spired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept Ramoth-gilead, he
 and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria. But king Joram
 was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the
 Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of
 Syria.) And Jehu said, If it be your minds, *then* let none go
 forth *nor* escape out of the city to go to tell it in Jezreel. So
 Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there.
 And Ahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram. 'And
 there stood a watchman on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied
 the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company.
 And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and
 let him say, *Is it peace?* So there went one on horseback to
 meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it peace?* And Jehu
 said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me.
 And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them,
 but he cometh not again. Then he sent out a second on horse-
 back, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, *Is it*
peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace?
 turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, He came
 even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like

the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for he driveth furiously.
 'And Joram said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. 21
 And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went
 out, each in his chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and
 met him in the portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. And it came 22
 to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?*
 And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of
 thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts *are so many?* And 23
 Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, *There is*
treachery, O Ahaziah. And Jehu drew a bow with his full 24
 strength, and smote Jehoram between his arms, and the arrow
 went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. Then 25
 said *Jehu* to Bidkar his captain, Take up, *and* cast him in the
 portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how
 that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the
 LORD laid this burden upon him; Surely I have seen yesterday 26
 the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD;
 and I will requite thee in this plat, saith the LORD. Now
 therefore take *and* cast him into the plat of ground, according
 to the word of the LORD.

BUT when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by 27
 the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after him,
 and said, Smite him also in the chariot. *And they did so* at the
 going up to Gur, which *is* by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo,
 and died there. And his servants carried him in a chariot to 28
 Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in
 the city of David. And in the eleventh year of Joram the son 29
 of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.

AND when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; 30
 and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at
 a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Had* 31
Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to 32
 the window, and said, Who *is* on my side? who? And there
 looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw 33
 her down. So they threw her down: and *some* of her blood
 was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her
 under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, 34
 and said, Go, see now this cursed *woman*, and bury her: for she
 is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her: but they 35
 found no more of her than the scull, and the feet, and the palms
 of *her* hands. 'Wherefore they came again, and told him. And 36
 he said, This *is* the word of the LORD, which he spake by his
 servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel
 shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: and the carcass of Jezebel 37
 shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of
 Jezreel: so that they shall not say, This *is* Jezebel.

AND Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote 10
 letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the
 elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's *children*, saying,
 Now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's 2
 sons *are* with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses,

a fenced city also, and armor; look even out the best and meetest 3
of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight
for your master's house. But they were exceedingly afraid, and 4
said, Behold, two kings stood not before him: how then shall
we stand? And he that *was* over the house, and he that *was* 5
over the city, the elders also, and the bringers up *of the children*,
sent to Jehu, saying, We *are* thy servants, and will do all that
thou shalt bid us; we will not make any king: do thou *that which*
is good in thine eyes. Then he wrote a letter the second time 6
to them, saying, If ye *be* mine, and if ye will hearken unto my
voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and
come to me to Jezreel by to-morrow this time. Now the king's
sons, *being* seventy persons, *were* with the great men of the city,
which brought them up. And it came to pass, when the letter 7
came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew seventy
persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him *them* to
Jezreel. And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, 8
They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said,
Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until
the morning. And it came to pass in the morning, that he went 9
out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye *be* righteous: be-
hold, I conspired against my master, and slew him: but who
slew all these? Know now that there shall fall unto the earth 10
nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake con-
cerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done *that* which
he spake by his servant Elijah. So Jehu slew all that re- 11
mained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men,
and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none re-
maining.

AND he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. And as 12
he *was* at the shearing-house in the way, Jehu met with the 13
brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who *are ye*? And
they answered, We *are* the brethren of Ahaziah: and we go
down to salute the children of the king and the children of the
queen. 'And he said, Take them alive. And they took them 14
alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing-house, *even two-*
and-forty men; neither left he any of them.

AND when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab 15
the son of Rechab *coming* to meet him: and he saluted him, and
said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart *is* with thy heart?
And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it *be*, give *me* thine hand.
And he gave *him* his hand; and he took him up to him into the
chariot. And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the 16
LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot. 'And when he 17
came to Samaria, he slew all that remained unto Ahab in Sa-
maria, till he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the
LORD, which he spake to Elijah. And Jehu gathered all the 18
people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little;
but Jehu shall serve him much. Now therefore *call* unto me all 19
the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests: let
none be wanting; for I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal;

whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. 20 And they proclaimed it. And Jehu sent through all Israel: and 21 all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another. And he 22 said unto him that *was* over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, 23 into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only. And when 24 they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go, his life shall be* for the life of him. And it came to pass, as soon as he 25 had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, *and* slay them: let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast *them* out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. And they brought forth the images 26 out of the house of Baal, and burned them. And they brake 27 down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. Thus Jehu destroyed 28 Baal out of Israel. Howbeit *from* the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that *were* in Beth-el, and that *were* in Dan. And the LORD said unto Jehu, Because thou 30 hast done well in executing *that which is* right in mine eyes, *and* hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that *was* in mine heart, thy children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel. But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of 31 the LORD God of Israel with all his heart: for he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, which made Israel to sin. In those 32 days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them in all the coasts of Israel; from Jordan eastward, all the 33 land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which *is* by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he 34 did, and all his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jehu slept with his 35 fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz his son reigned in his stead. And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel 36 in Samaria *was* twenty-and-eight years.

AND when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son 11 was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the king's sons *which were* slain; and they hid him, *even* him and his nurse, in the bed-chamber from Athaliah, so that he was not

slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six 3
years. And Athaliah did reign over the land.

AND the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the rulers 4
over hundreds, with the captains and the guard, and brought
them to him into the house of the LORD, and made a covenant
with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD,
and showed them the king's son. And he commanded them, 5
saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: A third part of you
that enter in on the sabbath shall even be keepers of the watch
of the king's house; and a third part *shall be* at the gate of Sur; 6
and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep
the watch of the house, that it be not broken down. And two 7
parts of all you that go forth on the sabbath, even they shall
keep the watch of the house of the LORD about the king. And 8
ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his
weapons in his hand: and he that cometh within the ranges, let
him be slain: and be ye with the king as he goeth out and as
he cometh in. And the captains over the hundreds did ac- 9
cording to all *things* that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and
they took every man his men that were to come in on the sab-
bath, with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to
Jehoiada the priest. And to the captains over hundreds did the 10
priests give king David's spears and shields, that *were* in the
temple of the LORD. And the guard stood, every man with 11
his weapons in his hand, round about the king, from the right
corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, *along* by
the altar and the temple. And he brought forth the king's son, 12
and put the crown upon him, and *gave him* the testimony: and they
made him king, and anointed him: and they clapped their hands,
and said, God save the king. And when Athaliah heard the 13
noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into
the temple of the LORD. And when she looked, behold, the 14
king stood by a pillar, as the manner *was*, and the princes and
the trumpeters by the king, and all the people of the land re-
joiced, and blew with trumpets: and Athaliah rent her clothes,
and cried, Treason, Treason. But Jehoiada the priest commanded 15
the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the host, and said
unto them, Have her forth without the ranges: and him that fol-
loweth her kill with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her
not be slain in the house of the LORD. And they laid hands 16
on her; and she went by the way by the which the horses
came into the king's house: and there was she slain.

And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the 17
king and the people, that they should be the LORD'S people: be-
tween the king also and the people. And all the people of the 18
land went into the house of Baal, and brake it down: his altars
and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan
the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed 19
officers over the house of the LORD. And he took the rulers
over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the peo-
ple of the land: and they brought down the king from the house

of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. And he sat on the throne of the kings. 'And 20 all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was in quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword *beside* the king's house.

SEVEN years old *was* Jehoash when he began to reign. 'In the 12 seventh year of Jehu, Jehoash began to reign; and forty years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Jehoash did *that which was* right in the sight 2 of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. But the high places were not taken away: the people 3 still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. And Jehoash 4 said to the priests, All the money of the dedicated things that is brought into the house of the LORD, *even* the money of every one that passeth *the account*, the money that every man is set at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the LORD, 'let the priests take *it* to them, every 5 man of his acquaintance; and let them repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. But it was 6 *so*, that in the three-and-twentieth year of king Jehoash, the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. Then king 7 Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and the *other* priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore receive no *more* money of your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. And the priests con- 8 sented to receive no *more* money of the people, neither to repair the breaches of the house. But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, 9 and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD. And it was *so*, when they 10 saw that *there was* much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags, and told the money *that was* found in the house of the LORD. And 11 they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD, 'and to masons, and hewers of 12 stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair *it*. Howbeit there were not made for the house 13 of the LORD bowls of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD: but they gave that to the workmen, 14 and repaired therewith the house of the LORD. Moreover they 15 reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to be bestowed on workmen: for they dealt faithfully. The trespass-money and sin-money was not brought into the 16 house of the LORD: it was the priests'.

THEN Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, 17 and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. And 18 Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Je-

hoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold *that was* found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent *it* to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem. And the rest of the acts 19 of Joash, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And his servants arose, 20 and made a conspiracy, and slew Joash in the house of Millo, which goeth down to Silla. For Jozachar the son of Shimeath, 21 and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

In the three-and-twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah 13 king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. And he did 2 *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. And the anger of the LORD was 3 kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days. And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, 4 and the LORD hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. (And the 5 LORD gave Israel a savior, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. Nevertheless they departed not from 6 the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, *but* walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.) Neither did he leave of the people to Jehcahah but fifty horse- 7 men, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust by threshing. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all 8 that he did, and his might, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jehoahaz slept with 9 his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

In the thirty-and-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, began 10 Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years. And he did *that which was* evil in 11 the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin: *but* he walked therein. And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, 12 and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jero- 13 boam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. Now Elisha was fallen sick of his 14 sickness whereof he died. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And 15 Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows. And he took unto

him bow and arrows. And he said to the king of Israel, Put 16
 thine hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*: and
 Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open 17
 the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said,
 Shoot. And he shot. And he said, the arrow of the LORD'S
 deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria: for thou
 shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed *them*.
 ' And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he 18
 said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he
 smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with 19
 him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times;
 then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed *it*:
 whereas now thou shalt smite Syria *but* thrice. And Elisha 20
 died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites
 invaded the land at the coming in of the year. And it came to 21
 pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a
 band *of men*; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Eli-
 sha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones
 of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet. But Hazael 22
 king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. And 23
 the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them,
 and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abra-
 ham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither
 cast he them from his presence as yet. So Hazael king of Syria 24
 died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead. And Jehoash 25
 the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the
 son of Hazael the cities, which he had taken out of the hand of
 Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash beat him,
 and recovered the cities of Israel.

IN the second year of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel, 14
 reigned Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah. He was 2
 twenty-and-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned
 twenty-and-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
 was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* right 3
 in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father: he did
 according to all things as Joash his father did. Howbeit the 4
 high places were not taken away: as yet the people did sacrifice
 and burnt incense on the high places. And it came to pass, 5
 as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, that he slew
 his servants which had slain the king his father. But the chil- 6
 dren of the murderers he slew not: according unto that which
 is written in the book of the law of Moses, wherein the LORD
 commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for
 the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers;
 but every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

He slew of Edom in the valley of salt ten thousand, and took 7
 Selah by war, and called the name of it Joktheel unto this day.

THEN Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jeho- 8
 haz, son of Jehu king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one
 another in the face. And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to 9
 Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon

sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. Thou hast indeed smitten 10 Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory *of this*, and tarry at home: for why shouldest thou meddle to *thy* hurt, that thou shouldest fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee? But Amaziah would not hear. Therefore Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. And Judah 12 was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to their tents. And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of 13 Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels 14 *that were* found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria. Now 15 the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And 16 Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

AND Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the 17 death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. And the rest of the acts of Amaziah, *are* they not written in the 18 book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Now they made 19 a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. And 20 they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

AND all the people of Judah took Azariah, which *was* sixteen 21 years old, and made him king instead of his father Amaziah. He 22 built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

IN the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of 23 Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty-and-one years. And he did *that* 24 *which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath 25 unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which *was* of Gath-hepher. For 26 the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, *that it was* very bitter: for *there was* not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the LORD said not that he would blot out the 27 name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. Now the rest of the acts 28 of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, *are* they not written in the book of the

chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jeroboam slept with his 29 fathers, *even* with the kings of Israel; and Zachariah his son reigned in his stead.

IN the twenty-and-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, 15 began Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign. Sixteen 2 years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned two-and-fifty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Jecholiah of Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* right in the sight 3 of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done; 'save that the high places were not removed: the people sacri- 4 ficed and burnt incense still on the high places. And the LORD 5 smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, judging the people of the land. And the rest 6 of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? So Azariah 7 slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

IN the thirty-and-eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did 8 Zachariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in Samaria six months. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the 9 LORD, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And 10 Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And 11 the rest of the acts of Zachariah, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. This *was* the 12 word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons shall sit on the throne of Israel unto the fourth generation. And so it came to pass.

SHALLUM the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine-and- 13 thirtieth year of Uzziah king of Judah; and he reigned a full month in Samaria. For Menahem the son of Gadi went up from 14 Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. And 15 the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they *are* written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. Then Menahem smote Tiphseh, and all that 16 *were* therein, and the coasts thereof from Tirzah: because they opened not *to him*, therefore he smote *it*; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up. In the nine-and- 17 thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel, and reigned ten years in Samaria. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD: 18 he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And Pul the king of Assyria 19 came against the land: and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. And Menahem exacted the money of 20 Israel, *even* of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of

Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land. And 21
the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, *are* they
not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son 22
reigned in his stead.

In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekahiah the 23
son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and*
reigned two years. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight 24
of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the
son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. But Pekah the son of 25
Remaliah, a captain of his, conspired against him, and smote him
in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Argob and
Arieh, and with him fifty men of the Gileadites: and he killed
him, and reigned in his room. And the rest of the acts of Peka- 26
hiah, and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book
of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the two-and-fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah, Pekah 27
the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and*
reigned twenty years. And he did *that which was* evil in the 28
sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam
the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. In the days of Pekah 29
king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took
Ijon, and Abel-beth-maachah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Ha-
zor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and carried
them captive to Assyria. And Hoshea the son of Elah made a 30
conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him,
and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of
Jotham the son of Uzziah. And the rest of the acts of Pekah, 31
and all that he did, behold, they *are* written in the book of the
chronicles of the kings of Israel.

In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of 32
Israel, began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah to reign.
Five-and-twenty years old was he when he began to reign, and 33
he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Jerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And he did *that which was* 34
right in the sight of the LORD: he did according to all that his
father Uzziah had done. Howbeit the high places were not re- 35
moved: the people sacrificed and burned incense still in the high
places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD.
Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, *are* they 36
not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?
In those days the LORD began to send against Judah Rezin the 37
king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah. And Jotham 38
slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the
city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

IN the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah, Ahaz 16
the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. Twenty years 2
old *was* Ahaz when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years
in Jerusalem, and did not *that which was* right in the sight of the
LORD his God, like David his father. But he walked in the 3
way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through

the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 4

THEN Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*. At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day. So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I *am* thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me. And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent *it* for a present to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried *the people of it* captive to Kir, and slew Rezin. 5 6 7 8 9

AND king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw an altar that *was* at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. And Urijah the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus: so Urijah the priest made *it* against king Ahaz came from Damascus. And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king approached to the altar, and offered thereon. And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meat-offering, and poured his drink-offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace-offerings, upon the altar. And he brought also the brazen altar, which *was* before the LORD, from the fore-front of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar. And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meat-offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice, and his meat-offering, with the burnt-offering of all the people of the land, and their meat-offering, and their drink-offerings: and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: and the brazen altar shall be for me to inquire *by*. Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded. And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them: and took down the sea from off the brazen oxen that *were* under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. And the covert for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry without, turned he from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria. Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

IN the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, began Hoshea the **17**
son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. And he **2**
did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the
kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up **3**
Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant,
and gave him presents. And the king of Assyria found conspiracy **4**
in Hoshea: for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and
brought no present to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by
year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him
in prison. Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the **5**
land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In **6**
the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and
carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in
Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. For **7**
so it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD
their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt,
from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared
other gods, and walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom **8**
the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the
kings of Israel, which they had made. And the children of Is- **9**
rael did secretly *those* things that *were* not right against the LORD
their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from
the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. And they set **10**
them up images and groves in every high hill, and under every
green tree: and there they burnt incense in all the high places, **11**
as *did* the heathen whom the LORD carried away before them;
and wrought wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger: for **12**
they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye
shall not do this thing. Yet the LORD testified against Israel, **13**
and against Judah, by all the prophets, and *by* all the seers, say-
ing, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments
and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded
your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets.
Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their necks, **14**
like to the neck of their fathers, that did not believe in the LORD
their God. And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that **15**
he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified
against them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and
went after the heathen that *were* round about them, *concerning*
whom the LORD had charged them, that they should not do like
them. And they left all the commandments of the LORD their **16**
God, and made them molten images, *even* two calves, and made
a grove, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal.
And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through **17**
the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold them-
selves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to
anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and **18**
removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe
of Judah only. Also Judah kept not the commandments of the **19**
LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they
made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and af- **20**

flicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam drave Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them; until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

AND the king of Assyria brought *men* from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath, and from Sepharvaim, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, which slew *some* of them. Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast removed, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the manner of the God of the land. Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the land. Then one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear the LORD. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves of the lowest of them priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared the LORD, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations whom they carried away from thence.

UNTO this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the LORD, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; with whom the LORD had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: but the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched-out arm, him shall ye fear, and him shall ye worship, and to him shall ye do sacrifice. And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods. And the covenant that I have made with you

ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods. But the LORD your God ye shall fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. So these nations feared the LORD, and served their graven images, both their children, and their children's children: as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

NOW it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty-and-five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty-and-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Abi, the daughter of Zachariah. And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. He removed the high places, and brake the images, and cut down the groves, and brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made: for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan. He trusted in the LORD God of Israel: so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* that were before him. For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. And the LORD was with him: and he prospered whithersoever he went forth: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. He smote the Philistines, *even* unto Gaza, and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

AND it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which *was* the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, *that* Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. And at the end of three years they took it: *even* in the sixth year of Hezekiah, *that is* the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah and in Habor *by* the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD their God, but transgressed his covenant, and all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not hear *them*, nor *do* *them*. Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them. And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended: return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver that was found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off *the gold* from the doors of the temple of the LORD, and *from* the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great host against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to

Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which *is* in the high-way of the fuller's field. And when they had called to the king, 18 there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. And Rab-shakeh said unto them, Speak ye 19 now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence *is* this wherein thou trustest? Thou sayest, 20 (but *they are but* vain words,) *I have* counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised 21 reed, *even* upon Egypt, on which if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so *is* Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. But if ye say unto me, We trust in the LORD 22 our God: *is* not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? Now 23 therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How then wilt thou turn 24 away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am 25 I now come up without the LORD against this place to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, and Shebna, and Joah, 26 unto Rab-shakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language: for we understand *it*: and talk not with us in the Jews' language in the ears of the people that *are* on the wall. But Rab-shakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent 27 me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? *hath he* not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you? Then Rab- 28 shakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria: Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: 29 for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: Neither 30 let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Harken not unto Hezekiah: for 31 thus saith the king of Assyria, Make *an agreement* with me by a present, and come out to me, and *then* eat ye every man of his own vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his cistern: until I come and take you away to a 32 land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil-olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die; and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath 33 any of the gods of the nations delivered at all his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where *are* the gods of Hamath, 34 and of Arpad? where *are* the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of mine hand? Who *are* 35

they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of mine hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of mine hand? But the people held their peace, 36 and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

THEN came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which *was* over the 37 household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah, with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of Rab-shakeh. And it came to pass, when king Heze- 38 kiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. And he sent 2 Eliakim which *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, Thus 3 saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. It may be the LORD thy God will 4 hear all the words of Rab-shakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God; and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that are left. So the servants of 5 king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, 6 Thus shalt ye say to your master. Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words which thou hast heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I 7 will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

So Rab-shakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria war- 8 ring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of 9 Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee; he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to 10 Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard 11 what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of 12 the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed: as Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which *were* in Thelasar? Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the 13 king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah?

AND Hezekiah received the letter of the hand of the messengers, 14 and read it: and Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed before 15 the LORD, and said, O LORD God of Israel, which dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. LORD, bow down thine ear, and hear: open, LORD, thine eyes, 16 and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent

him to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of 17
Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, and have 18
cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work
of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed
them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech thee, save 19
thou us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may
know that thou *art* the LORD God, *even* thou only.

THEN Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus 20
saith the LORD God of Israel, *That* which thou hast prayed to
me against Sennacherib king of Assyria I have heard. This is 21
the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him;

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| <p>The virgin the daugh'er of Zion
Hath despised thee, <i>and</i> laughed thee to
scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her
head at thee.</p> <p>22 Whom hast thou reproached and blas-
phemed?
And against whom hast thou exalted thy
voice,
And lifted up thine eyes on high?
<i>Even</i> against the Holy <i>One</i> of Israel.</p> <p>23 By thy messengers thou hast reproached
the LORD,
And hast said, With the multitude of my
chariots
I am come up to the height of the moun-
tains,
To the sides of Lebanon,
And will cut down the tall cedar-trees
thereof.
<i>And</i> the choice fir-trees thereof:
And I will enter into the lodgings of his
borders,
<i>And into</i> the forest of his Carmel.</p> <p>24 I have digged and drunk strange waters,
And with the sole of my feet
Have I dried up all the rivers of besieged
places.</p> <p>25 Hast thou not heard long ago <i>how</i> I have
done it,
<i>And</i> of ancient times that I have formed it?
Now have I brought it to pass.
That thou shouldst be to lay waste fenced
cities <i>into</i> ruinous heaps.</p> | <p>26 Therefore their inhabitants were of small
power,
They were dismayed and confounded;
They were <i>as</i> the grass of the field,
<i>And as</i> the green herb, <i>as</i> the grass on
the house-tops,
<i>And as corn</i> blasted before it be grown up.</p> <p>27 But I know thy abode,
And thy going out,
And thy coming in,
And thy rage against me.</p> <p>28 Because thy rage against me
And thy tumult is come up into mine ears,
Therefore I will put my hook in thy nose,
And my bridle in thy lips,
And I will turn thee back by the way by
which thou camest.</p> <p>29 And this <i>shall</i> be a sign unto thee,
Ye shall eat this year such things as grow
of themselves,
And in the second year that which spring-
eth of the same;
And in the third year sow ye and reap,
And plant vineyards, and eat the fruits
thereof.</p> <p>30 And the remnant that is escaped of the
house of Judah
Shall yet again take root downward, and
bear fruit upward.</p> <p>31 For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a rem-
nant,
And they that escape out of mount Zion:
The zeal of the LORD <i>of hosts</i> shall do
this.</p> |
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32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria,

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| <p>He shall not come into this city,
Nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with shield,
Nor cast a bank against it.</p> <p>33 By the way that he came,
By the same shall he return,</p> | <p>And shall not come into the city,
Saith the LORD.</p> <p>34 For I will defend this city, to save it,
For mine own sake, and for my servant
David's sake.</p> |
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AND it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD 35
went out, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred
fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the
morning, behold, they *were* all dead corpses. So Sennacherib 36
king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at
Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the 37
house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his
sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land
of Armenia. And Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.

IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And the prophet **20**
 Isaiah the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus
 saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and
 not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto **2**
 the LORD, saying, 'I beseech thee, O LORD, remember now **3**
 how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect
 heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy sight. And Hez-
 ekiah wept sore. And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone **4**
 out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to
 him, saying, Turn again, and tell Hezekiah the captain of my **5**
 people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I
 have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal
 thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of the
 LORD. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will **6**
 deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria;
 and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my serv-
 ant David's sake. 'And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And **7**
 they took and laid *it* on the boil, and he recovered. And Hez- **8**
 ekiah said unto Isaiah, What *shall be* the sign that the LORD will
 heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the
 third day? And Isaiah said, This sign shalt thou have of the **9**
 LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken
 shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten de-
 grees? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow **10**
 to go down ten degrees: nay, but let the shadow return back-
 ward ten degrees. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: **11**
 and he brought the shadow ten degrees backward, by which it
 had gone down in the dial of Ahaz.

AT that time Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of **12**
 Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had
 heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah hearkened **13**
 unto them, and showed them all the house of his precious things,
 the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oint-
 ment, and *all* the house of his armor, and all that was found in
 his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his do-
 minion, that Hezekiah showed them not. Then came Isaiah the **14**
 prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these
 men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah
 said, They are come from a far country, *even* from Babylon. And **15**
 he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah
 answered, *All the things* that *are* in mine house have they seen:
 there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed
 them. And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the **16**
 LORD. Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine house, **17**
 and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day,
 shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the
 LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou **18**
 shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in
 the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah unto **19**
 Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken.
 And he said, *Is it not good*, if peace and truth be in my days?

And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool, and a conduit, and brought water into the city, *are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?* And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, and reigned fifty-and-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hephzi-bah. And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. For he built up again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as did Ahab king of Israel; and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *him* to anger. And he set a graven image of the grove that he had made in the house, of which the LORD said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do more evil than did the nations whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel. And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 'Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which *were* before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing *such* evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping *it*, and turning *it* upside down. And I will forsake the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; because they have done *that which was* evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, *are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?* And Manasseh

slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

AMON *was* twenty-and-two years old when he began to reign, 19
and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name
was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. And he 20
did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father
Manasseh did. And he walked in all the way that his father 21
walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and wor-
shipped them: and he forsook the LORD God of his fathers, and 22
walked not in the way of the LORD. And the servants of Amon 23
conspired against him, and slew the king in his own house. And 24
the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against
king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son
king in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he 25
did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the
kings of Judah? And he was buried in his sepulchre in the gar- 26
den of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

JOSIAH *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he 22
reigned thirty-and-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's
name *was* Jedidah, the daughter of Adaiah of Boscath. And 2
he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked
in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the
right hand or to the left. And it came to pass in the eighteenth 3
year of king Josiah, *that* the king sent Shaphan the son of Aza-
liah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD,
saying, Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the 4
silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the
keepers of the door have gathered of the people: and let them 5
deliver it into the hand of the doers of the work, that have the
oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the
doers of the work which *is* in the house of the LORD, to repair
the breaches of the house, 'unto carpenters, and builders, and 6
masons, and to buy timber and hewn stone to repair the house.
Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money 7
that was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

AND Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I 8
have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And
Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Sha- 9
phan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word
again, and said, Thy servants have gathered the money that was
found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of them
that do the work, that have the oversight of the house of the
LORD. And Shaphan the scribe showed the king, saying, Hil- 10
kiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it
before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard 11
the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And 12
the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of
Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Michaiah, and Shaphan the
scribe, and Asahiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go ye, inquire 13
of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, con-

cerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that which is written concerning us. So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asabiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe: (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college;) and they communed with her. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man that sent you to me, 'Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands: therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. But to the king of Judah, which sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *As touching* the words which thou hast heard: Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me: I also have heard *thee*, saith the LORD. Behold therefore, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered into thy grave in peace; and thine eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

AND the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all *their* heart and all *their* soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD,

without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the
 brook Kidron, and stamped *it* small to powder, and cast the
 powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people.
 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that *were* by 7
 the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for
 the grove. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of 8
 Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned
 incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba, and brake down the high
 places of the gates that *were* in the entering in of the gate of
 Joshua the governor of the city, which *were* on a man's left hand
 at the gate of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the high 9
 places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but
 they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren.
 And he defiled Topheth, which *is* in the valley of the children 10
 of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to
 pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the horses 11
 that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in
 of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathan-melech
 the chamberlain, which *was* in the suburbs, and burned the
 chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars that *were* on the top 12
 of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had
 made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two
 courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and
 brake *them* down from thence, and cast the dust of them into
 the brook Kidron. And the high places that *were* before Jeru- 13
 salem, which *were* on the right hand of the mount of corruption,
 which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the
 abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination
 of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children
 of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the 14
 images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the
 bones of men. Moreover the altar that *was* at Beth-el, *and* the 15
 high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel
 to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake
 down, and burned the high place, *and* stamped *it* small to pow-
 der, and burned the grove. And as Josiah turned himself, he 16
 spied the sepulchres that *were* there in the mount, and sent, and
 took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned *them* upon the
 altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD, which
 the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. Then 17
 he said, What title *is* that that I see? And the men of the city
 told him, *It is* the sepulchre of the man of God, which came
 from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done
 against the altar of Beth-el. And he said, Let him alone; let no 18
 man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the
 bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. And all the 19
 houses also of the high places that *were* in the cities of Samaria,
 which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the* LORD to
 anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the
 acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he slew all the priests 20

of the high places that *were* there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

AND the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as *it is* written in the book of this covenant. Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, *wherein* this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.

MOREOVER the *workers with* familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there *any* like him. Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked him withal. And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? In his days Pharaoh-nechoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

JEHOAHAZ was twenty-and-three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a tribute of an hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. And Pharaoh-nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and turned his name to Jehoiakim, and took Jehoahaz away: and he came to Egypt, and died there. And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give *it* unto Pharaoh-nechoh.

JEHOIAKIM was twenty-and-five years old when he began to

reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Zebudah, the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servants the prophets. Surely at the commandment of the LORD came *this* upon Judah, to remove *them* out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to all that he did; and also for the innocent blood that he shed: for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; which the LORD would not pardon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

Jehoiachin *was* eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name *was* Nehushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants did besiege it. And Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, *even* ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths: none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers, and the mighty of the land, *those* carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. And all the men of might, *even* seven thousand, and craftsmen and smiths a thousand, all *that were* strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon.

And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah. Zedekiah *was* twenty-and-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was*

Hamutal, the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did *that* 19
which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that
 Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of the LORD it 20
 came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them
 out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king
 of Babylon. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, 25
 in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebu-
 chadnezzar king of Babylon came, he, and all his host, against
 Jerusalem, and pitched against it; and they built forts against
 it round about. And the city was besieged unto the eleventh 2
 year of king Zedekiah. And on the ninth *day* of the *fourth* 3
 month the famine prevailed in the city, and there was no bread
 for the people of the land. And the city was broken up, and all 4
 the men *of war* fled by night by the way of the gate between two
 walls, which *is* by the king's garden: (now the Chaldees *were*
 against the city round about;) and *the king* went the way toward
 the plain. And the army of the Chaldees pursued after the king, 5
 and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army were
 scattered from him. So they took the king, and brought him up 6
 to the king of Babylon to Riblah: and they gave judgment upon
 him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and 7
 put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him with fetters of brass,
 and carried him to Babylon.

AND in the fifth month, on the seventh *day* of the month, which 8
is the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,
 came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, a servant of the king
 of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: and he burnt the house of the LORD, 9
 and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem, and every
 great *man's* house burnt he with fire. And all the army of the 10
 Chaldees, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down
 the walls of Jerusalem round about. Now the rest of the peo- 11
 ple *that were* left in the city, and the fugitives that fell away to
 the king of Babylon, with the remnant of the multitude, did
 Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carry away. But the 12
 captain of the guard left of the poor of the land *to be* vine-dressers
 and husbandmen. And the pillars of brass that *were* in the house 13
 of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that *was* in the
 house of the LORD, did the Chaldees break in pieces, and car-
 ried the brass of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, 14
 and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass
 wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the fire-pans, 15
 and the bowls, *and* such things as *were* of gold, *in* gold, and of
 silver, *in* silver, the captain of the guard took away. The two 16
 pillars, one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the
 house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without
 weight. The height of the one pillar *was* eighteen cubits, and 17
 the chapter upon it *was* brass: and the height of the chapter
 three cubits; and the wreathen work, and pomegranates upon
 the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had
 the second pillar with wreathen work.

AND the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, 18
and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the
door: and out of the city he took an officer that was set over the 19
men of war, and five men of them that were in the king's pres-
ence, which were found in the city, and the principal scribe of
the host, which mustered the people of the land, and threescore
men of the people of the land *that were* found in the city: and 20
Nebuzar-adan captain of the guard took these, and brought them
to the king of Babylon to Riblah: and the king of Babylon 21
smote them, and slew them at Riblah in the land of Hamath.
So Judah was carried away out of their land.

AND *as for* the people that remained in the land of Judah, 22
whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over
them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan,
ruler. And when all the captains of the armies, they and their 23
men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah gov-
ernor, there came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Careah, and Seraiah the
son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of a
Maachathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah sware to them, 24
and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not to be the servants
of the Chaldees: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Baby-
lon; and it shall be well with you. But it came to pass in the 25
seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of
Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and
smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldees
that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small 26
and great, and the captains of the armies, arose, and came to
Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldees.

AND it came to pass in the seven-and-thirtieth year of the 27
captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on
the seven-and-twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach
king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign did lift up the
head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; and he spake 28
kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings
that *were* with him in Babylon; and changed his prison gar- 29
ments: and he did eat bread continually before him all the days
of his life. And his allowance *was* a continual allowance 30
given him of the king, a daily rate for every day, all the days of
his life.

THE
FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

ADAM, Sheth, Enosh, ' Kenan, Mahalaleel, Jered, ' Henoch, **1**
Methuselah, Lamech, ' Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. **4**

The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and **5**
Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons of **6**
Gomer; Ashchenaz, and Riphath, and Togarmah. And the sons **7**
of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim.

The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Pat, and Canaan. And **8,9**
the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta, and Raamah,
and Sabtecha. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.
And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be mighty upon the earth. **10**
And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Anamim, and Lehabim, and **11**
Naphtuhim, ' and Pathrusim, and Casluhim, (of whom came the **12**
Philistines,) and Caphthorim. And Canaan begat Zidon his first- **13**
born, and Heth, ' the Jebusite also, and the Amorite, and the **14**
Girgashite, ' and the Hivite, and the Archite, and the Sinite, ' and **15**
the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arphaxad, and **17**
Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech.
' And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. ' And **18**
unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one *was* Peleg;
because in his days the earth was divided: and his brother's
name *was* Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, **20**
and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, ' Hadoram also, and Uzal, and **21**
Diklah, ' and Ebal, and Abimael, and Sheba, ' and Ophir, and **22**
Havilah, and Jobab. All these *were* the sons of Joktan.

Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, ' Eber, Peleg, Reu, ' Serug, Nahor, **24**
Terah, ' Abram: the same *is* Abraham. **27**

The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael. ' These *are* their **28**
generations: The first-born of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar,
and Adbeel, and Mibsam, ' Mishma, and Dumah, Massa, Hadad, **30**
and Tema, ' Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons **31**
of Ishmael. Now the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: **32**
she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and
Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan; Sheba, and
Dedan. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephraim, and He- **33**
noch, and Abida, and Eldash. All these *are* the sons of Keturah.

' And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau, and Israel. **34**

The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jaalam, **35**
and Korah. The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi, **36**
and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. The sons of **37**
Reuel; Nahath, Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. And the sons **38**
of Seir; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, and Dishon,
and Ezar, and Dishan. And the sons of Lotan; Hori, and Ho- **39**
mam: and Timna *was* Lotan's sister. The sons of Shobal; Alian, **40**

and Manahath, and Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah, and Anah. 'The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Amram, and Eshban, and Ithran, and Cheran. 'The sons of Ezer; Bilhan, and Zavan, and Jakan. 'The sons of Dishan; Uz, and Aran. Now these *are* the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before *any* king reigned over the children of Israel; Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. And when Bela was dead, Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead. And when Jobab was dead, Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. And when Husham was dead, Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith. And when Hadad was dead, Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. And when Samlah was dead, Shaul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his stead. And when Shaul was dead, Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. And when Baal-hanan was dead, Hadad reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Pai; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Mezahab. 'Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timnah, duke Aliah, duke Jetheth, 'duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, 'duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, 'duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These *are* the dukes of Edom.

These *are* the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, 'Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher.

The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: *which* three were born unto him of the daughter of Shua the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD; and he slew him. And Tamar his daughter-in-law bare him Pharez and Zerah. All the sons of Judah *were* five. 'The sons of Pharez; Hezron, and Hamul. And the sons of Zerah; Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara: five of them in all. And the sons of Carmi; Achar, the troubler of Israel, who transgressed in the thing accursed. And the sons of Ethan; Azariah. The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of Judah; and Nahshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz, 'and Boaz begat Obed, and Obed begat Jesse, 'and Jesse begat his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimma the third, 'Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 'Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: whose sisters *were* Zeruiah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmeelite.

And Caleb the son of Hezron begat *children* of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth: her sons *are* these; Jeshar, and Shobab, and Ardon. And when Azubah was dead, Caleb took unto him Ephrath, which bare him Hur. And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezaleel. And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter

of Machir the father of Gilead, whom he married when he *was* threescore years old; and she bare him Segub. And Segub begat Jair, who had three-and-twenty cities in the land of Gilead. And he took Geshur, and Aram, with the towns of Jair, from them, with Kenath, and the towns thereof, *even* threescore cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Machir, the father of Gilead. And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephraiah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashur the father of Tekoa. And the sons of Jerahmeel the first-born of Hezron were, Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oron, and Ozem, *and* Ahijah. Jerahmeel had also another wife, whose name *was* Atarah; she *was* the mother of Onam. And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jerahmeel were, Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada. And the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur. And the name of the wife of Abishur *was* Abihail, and she bare him Ahban, and Molid. And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled died without children. 'And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the children of Sheshan; Alilai. 'And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: and Jether died without children. And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerahmeel. 'Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Jarha. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabad, 'and Zabad begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed, 'and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, 'and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah, 'and Eleasah begat Sisamai, and Sisamai begat Shallum, 'and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Elishama. Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel *were*, Mesha his first-born, which *was* the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkoam: and Rekem begat Shammai. And the son of Shammai *was* Maon: and Maon *was* the father of Bethzur. And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez. And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. Maachah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber, and Tirhanah. She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah. Sheva the father of Machbenah, and the father of Gibca: and the daughter of Caleb *was* Achsa.

These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of Ephraiah; Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim, 'Salma the father of Beth-lehem. Hareph the father of Beth-gader. And Shobal the father of Kirjath-jearim had sons; Haroeh, *and* half of the Manahethites. And the families of Kirjath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puhites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zareathites, and the Eshtaulites. The sons of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Ataroth, the

house of Joab, and half of the Manahethites, the Zorites. And 55
the families of the scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites,
the Shimeathites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites that
came of Hemath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto 3
him in Hebron; the first-born Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreel-
itess; the second Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; ' the third, 2
Absalom the son of Maachah the daughter of Talmai king of
Geshur: the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith: the fifth, She- 3
phatiah of Abital: the sixth, Ithream by Eglah his wife. These 4
six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven
years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-and-
three years. And these were born unto him in Jerusalem; Shi- 5
mea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua
the daughter of Ammiel: Ibhar also, and Elishama, and Eli- 6
phelet, 'and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 'and Elishama, 7,8
and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. These were all the sons of 9
David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Tamar their sister.

And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abia his son, Asa his son, 10
Jehoshaphat his son, 'Joram his son, Ahaziah his son, Joash his 11
son, 'Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his son, 'Ahaz 12
his son, Hezekiah his son, Manasseh his son, 'Amon his son, Jo- 14
siah his son. And the sons of Josiah were, the first-born Johanan, 15
the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum.
And the sons of Jehoiakim; Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 16
'And the sons of Jeconiah; Assir, Salathiel his son, 'Malchiram 17
also, and Pedaiah, and Shenazar, Jecamiah, Hoshama, and Ne-
dabiah. And the sons of Pedaiah were, Zerubbabel, and Shimei: 19
and the sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah, and
Shelomith their sister: and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, 20
and Hasadiah, Jushab-besed, five. And the sons of Hananiah; 21
Pelatiah, and Jesaiab: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan,
the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shechaniah. And the sons of 22
Shechaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush,
and Igeal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat, six. And the 23
sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hezekiah, and Azrikam, three.
And the sons of Elioenai were Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pe- 24
laiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Dalaiab, and Anani, seven.

The sons of Judah; Pharez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and 4
Shobal. And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath: and Ja- 2
hath begat Ahumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the
Zorathites. And these were of the father of Etam; Jezreel, and 3
Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was Hazeleponi:
and Penuel the father of Gedor, and Hezer the father of Hushah. 4
These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father
of Beth-lehem. And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, 5
Helah and Naarah. And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hopher, 6
and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah.
And the sons of Helah were, Zereth, and Jezoar, and Elnan. 7
And Coz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel 8
the son of Harum. And Jabez was more honorable than his 9

brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, 10 saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep *me* from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested. And Chelub the 11 brother of Shuah begat Mehir, which *was* the father of Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the 12 father of Irnabash. These *are* the men of Rechah. ' And the 13 sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of Othniel; Hathath. And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat 14 Joab, the father of the valley of Charashim; for they were craftsmen. And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, 15 Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah, even Kenaz. And the 16 sons of Jehaleleel; Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asareel. And 17 the sons of Ezra *were*, Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of Eshtemoa. And his wife Jehudijah bare Jered the father of Ged- 18 dor, and Heber the father of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these *are* the sons of Bithiah the daughter of Pharaoh, which Mered took. And the sons of *his* wife Hodiah the 19 sister of Naham, the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa the Maachathite. And the sons of Shimon *were*, Amnon, and 20 Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi *were*, Zotheth, and Ben-zotheth.

The sons of Shelah the son of Judah *were*, Er the father of 21 Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ash- 22 bea, 'and Jokim, and the men of Chozeba, and Joash, and Sa- 23 raph, who had the dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. And *these are* ancient things. 'These *were* the potters, and those that 23 dwelt among plants and hedges: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

The sons of Simeon *were*, Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerach, 24 and Shaul: Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son. 25 And the sons of Mishma; Hamuel his son, Zacchur his son, 26 Shimei his son. And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; 27 but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of Judah. And they dwelt 28 at Beer-sheba, and Moladah, and Hazar-shual, 'and at Bilhah, 29 and at Ezem, and at Tolad, 'and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and 30 at Ziklag, 'and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at 31 Beth-birei, and at Shaaraim. These *were* their cities unto the reign of David. And their villages *were*, Etam, and Ain, Rim- 32 mon, and Tochen, and Ashan, five cities: and all their villages 33 that *were* round about the same cities, unto Baal. These *were* their habitations, and their genealogy. And Meshobab, and 34 Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah, 'and Joel, and Jehu 35 the son of Josibiah, the son of Seraiah, the son of Asiel, 'and 36 Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and Benaiah, 'and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son 37

of Allen, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of She-
 maiah; these mentioned by *their* names *were* princes in their 38
 families: and the house of *their* fathers increased greatly. And 39
 they went to the entrance of Gedor, *even* unto the east side of the
 valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. And they found fat pas- 40
 ture and good, and the land *was* wide, and quiet, and peaceable;
 for *they* of Ham had dwelt there of old. And these written by 41
 name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote
 their tents, and the habitations that were found there, and de-
 stroyed them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their rooms:
 because *there was* pasture there for their flocks. And *some* of 42
 them, *even* of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to
 mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and
 Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons of Ishi. And they smote the rest 43
 of the Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there unto this
 day.

Now the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel, (for he *was* 5
 the first-born; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his
 birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel:
 and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright.
 For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him *came* the 2
 chief ruler; but the birthright *was* Joseph's:) the sons, *I say*, of 3
 Reuben the first-born of Israel *were*, Hanoah, and Pallu, Hezron,
 and Carmi. The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his son, 4
 Shimei his son, 'Micah his son, Reaia his son, Baal his son, 5
 'Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried 6
 away *captive*: he *was* prince of the Reubenites. And his breth- 7
 ren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations
 was reckoned, *were* the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 'and Bela 8
 the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in
 Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon: and eastward he in- 9
 habited unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river
 Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of
 Gilead. And in the days of Saul they made war with the Ha- 10
 garites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents
 throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

And the children of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land 11
 of Bashan unto Saleah: Joel the chief, and Shapham the next, 12
 and Jaanai, and Shaphat in Bashan. And their brethren of the 13
 house of their fathers *were*, Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba,
 and Jorai, and Jachan, and Zia, and Heber, seven. These *are* 14
 the children of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son
 of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of
 Jahdo, the son of Buz: Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, 15
 chief of the house of their fathers. And they dwelt in Gilead 16
 in Bashan, and in her towns, and in all the suburbs of Sharon,
 upon their borders. All these were reckoned by genealogies in the 17
 days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king
 of Israel. The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and half the 18
 tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and
 sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, *were* four-and-

forty thousand seven hundred and threescore, that went out to the war. And they made war with the Hagarites, with Jetur, 19 and Nephish, and Nodab. And they were helped against them, 20 and the Hagarites were delivered into their hand, and all that *were* with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him. And 21 they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of men an hundred thousand. For there fell down 22 many slain, because the war *was* of God. And they dwelt in their steeds until the captivity.

And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the 23 land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir, and unto mount Hermon. And these *were* the heads of the 24 house of their fathers, even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, *and* heads of the house of their fathers.

And they transgressed against the God of their fathers, and 25 went a whoring after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them. And the God of Israel stirred up 26 the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan, unto this day.

The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 'And the 6 sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And 3 the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. The sons also of Aaron; Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 'Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, 'and Abishua 4,5 begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, 'and Uzzi begat Zerariah, 6 and Zerariah begat Meraioth, 'Meraioth begat Amariah, and 7 Amariah begat Ahitub, 'and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok 8 begat Ahimaaz, 'and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat 9 Johanan, 'and Johanan begat Azariah, (*he it is that executed* 10 *the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem*;) 'and Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 'and 11 Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, 'and Shallum 13 begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah, 'and Azariah begat 14 Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak, 'and Jehozadak went 15 *into captivity*, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

The sons of Levi; Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 'And these 16 *be* the names of the sons of Gershon; Libni, and Shimei. And 18 the sons of Kohath *were*, Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. 'The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. And these 19 *are* the families of the Levites according to their fathers. Of Gershon; Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son. 'Joah his 21 son, Iddo his son, Zerah his son, Jeaterai his son. The sons of 22 Kohath; Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, 'Elkanah his son, and Ebiasaph his son, and Assir his son, 'Tahath 24

his son, Uriel his son, Uzzia his son, and Shaul his son. And the 25
 sons of Elkanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. *As for* Elkanah: the 26
 sons of Elkanah; Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, 'Eliab his 27
 son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. And the sons of Samuel; 28
 the first-born Vashni, and Abiah. The sons of Merari; Mahli, 29
 Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzza his son, 'Shimea his son, 30
 Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

And these *are they* whom David set over the service of song 31
 in the house of the LORD, after that the ark had rest. And they 32
 ministered before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of the con-
 gregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the
 LORD in Jerusalem: and *then* they waited on their office ac-
 cording to their order. And these *are they* that waited, with their 33
 children. Of the sons of the Kohathites; Heman a singer, the
 son of Joel, the son of Shemuel, 'the son of Elkanah, the son of 34
 Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, 'the son of Zuph, the 35
 son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 'the son 36
 of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of Zepha-
 niah, 'the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, 37
 the son of Korah, 'the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of 38
 Levi, the son of Israel. And his brother Asaph, who stood on 39
 his right hand, *even* Asaph the son of Berachiah, the son of Shi-
 mea, 'the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Mal- 40
 chiah, 'the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 41
 'the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 'the son 42
 of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. And their breth- 44
 ren the sons of Merari *stood* on the left hand: Ethan the son of
 Kishi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 'the son of Hashabiah, 45
 the son of Amaziah, the son of Hilkiah, 'the son of Amzi, the son 46
 of Bani, the son of Shamer, 'the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, 47
 the son of Merari, the son of Levi. Their brethren also the Le- 48
 vites *were* appointed unto all manner of service of the tabernacle
 of the house of God.

But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt- 49
 offering, and on the altar of incense, *and were appointed* for all
 the work of the *place* most holy, and to make an atonement for
 Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had com-
 manded. And these *are* the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, 50
 Phinehas his son, Abishua his son, 'Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, 51
 Zerariah his son, 'Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his 52
 son, 'Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 53

Now these *are* their dwelling places throughout their castles 54
 in their coasts, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Ko-
 hathites: for their's was the lot. And they gave them Hebron 55
 in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it. But 56
 the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb
 the son of Jephunneh. And to the sons of Aaron they gave the 57
 cities of Judah, *namely*, Hebron, *the city* of refuge, and Libnah
 with her suburbs, and Jattir and Eshtemoa with their suburbs,
 'and Hilen with her suburbs, Debir with her suburbs, 'and Ashan 58
 with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs: and out 60

of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and Alemeth with her suburbs, and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families *were* thirteen cities. And unto the sons of Kohath, *which were* left of the family of that tribe, *were cities given* out of the half tribe, *namely, out of the half tribe* of Manasseh, by lot, ten cities. And to the sons of Gershom throughout their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. Unto the sons of Merari *were given* by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children of Israel gave to the Levites *these cities* with their suburbs. And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities, which are called by *their names*. And the residue of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their coasts out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they gave unto them, of the cities of refuge, Shiloh in mount Ephraim with her suburbs; they gave also Gether with her suburbs, 'and Jokneam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs, 'and Ajalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs: and out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the family of the remnant of the sons of Kohath. Unto the sons of Gershom *were given* out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs, 'and Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs, 'and Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kirjathaim with her suburbs. Unto the rest of the children of Merari *were given* out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmon with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs: and on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, *were given them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, 'Kedemoth also with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs, and Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

Now the sons of Issachar *were*, Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jerial, and Jahmai, and Jibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their father's house, *to wit*, of Tola: *they were* valiant men of might in their generations; whose number *was* in the days of David two and twenty thousand and six hundred. And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Ishiah, five: all of them chief men. And with them, by

their generations, after the house of their fathers, *were* bands of soldiers for war, six-and-thirty thousand *men*: for they had many wives and sons. And their brethren among all the families of Issachar *were* valiant men of might, reckoned in all by their genealogies fourscore and seven thousand. 5

The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediael, three. 6
And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valor; and were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. And the sons of Becher; 8
Zemira, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elieonai, and Omri, and Jerimoth, and Abiah, and Anathoth, and Alameth. All these *are* the sons of Becher. And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, *was* twenty thousand and two hundred. 9
The sons also of Jediael; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeush, 10
and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Ahishahar. All these the sons of Jediael, by the 11
heads of their fathers, mighty men of valor, *were* seventeen thousand and two hundred *soldiers*, fit to go out for war *and* battle. Shuppim also, and Huppim, the children of Ir, *and* Hushim, the 12
sons of Aher.

The sons of Naphtali; Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shalum, the sons of Bilhah. 13

The sons of Manasseh; Ashriel, whom she bare: (*but* his concubine the Aramitess bare Machir the father of Gilead: and Machir took to wife *the sister* of Huppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name *was* Maachah;) and the name of the second *was* Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. And Maachah 16
the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother *was* Sheresh; and his sons *were* Ulam and Rakem. ' And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These *were* 17
the sons of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh. And 18
his sister Hammoleketh bare Ishod, and Abiezer, and Mahalah. And the sons of Shemidah were, Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, 19
and Aniam.

And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and 20
Tahath his son, and Eladah his son, and Tahath his son, ' and 21
Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath *that were* born in *that* land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. And Ephraim their 22
father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. And when he went in to his wife, she conceived, and bare 23
a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. (And his daughter *was* Sherah, who built Beth-horon the nether, and the upper, and Uzzen-Sherah.) And Rephah *was* 25
his son, also Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son, ' Laadan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, ' Non his 26
son, Jehoshuah his son. And their possessions and habitations 28
were, Beth-el and the towns thereof, and eastward Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the

towns thereof, unto Gaza and the towns thereof: and by the 29
 borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns,
 Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her
 towns. In these dwell the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Isuah, and Ishuai, and Beriah, 30
 and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and 31
 Malchiel, who is the father of Birzavith. And Heber begat 32
 Japhlet, and Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. And 33
 the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Binhal, and Ashvath. These
 are the children of Japhlet. And the sons of Shamer; Ahi, 34
 and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram. And the sons of his brother 35
 Helem; Zophah, and Imna, and Shelesh, and Amal. The sons 36
 of Zophah; Suah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and
 Imrah, 'Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, 37
 and Beera. And the sons of Jeither; Jephunneh, and Pispah, 38
 and Ara. And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Haniel, and Rezia. 39
 All these were the children of Asher, heads of their father's 40
 house, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes.
 And the number throughout the genealogy of them that were
 apt to the war and to battle was twenty and six thousand men.

Now Benjamin begat Bela his first-born, Ashbel the second, 8
 and Aharah the third, 'Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 2
 And the sons of Bela were Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 'and 3,4
 Abishua, and Naaman, and Ahoah, 'and Gera, and Shephuphan, 5
 and Hiram. And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the 6
 heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Geba, and they re-
 moved them to Manahath: and Naaman, and Abiah, and Gera, 7
 he removed them, and begat Uzza, and Abihud. And Shoharaim 8
 begat children in the country of Moab, after he had sent them
 away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. And he begat of 9
 Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcham,
 'and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirma. These were his sons, heads 10
 of the fathers. And of Hushim he begat Abitub, and Elpaal. 11
 The sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shamed, who built 12
 Ono, and Lod, with the towns thereof: Beriah also, and Shema, 13
 who were heads of the fathers of the inhabitants of Ajalon, who
 drove away the inhabitants of Gath: and Ahio, Shashak, and 14
 Jeremoth, 'and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Ader, 'and Michael, 15
 and Ispah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; and Zebadiah, and 17
 Meshullam, and Hezeki, and Heber, 'Ishmerai also, and Jeziah, 18
 and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 19
 'and Elienai, and Zilthai, and Eliel, 'and Adaiah, and Beraiah, 20
 and Shimrath, the sons of Shimhi; and Ishpan, and Heber, and 22
 Eliel, 'and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, 'and Hananiah, and 23
 Elam, and Antothijah, 'and Iphedeiah, and Penuel, the sons of 25
 Shashak; 'and Shamsheraï. and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 'and 26
 Jaresiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. These 28
 were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief men. These
 dwelt in Jerusalem. And at Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon; 29
 whose wife's name was Maachah: and his first-born son Abdon, 30
 and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, 'and Gedor, and Ahio, 31

and Zacher. 'And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And these also 32
dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over-against them. And 33
Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Saul, and Saul begat Jonathan,
and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Esh-baal. And the son 34
of Jonathan *was* Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. And 35
the sons of Micah *were*, Pithon, and Melech, and Tarea, and
Ahaz. And Ahaz begat Jehoadah; and Jehoadah begat Alemeth, 36
and Azmaveth, and Zimri, and Zimri begat Moza, 'and Moza 37
begat Binea: Rapha *was* his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son:
and Azel had six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bo- 38
cheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All
these *were* the sons of Azel. And the sons of Eshek his brother 39
were, Ulam his first-born, Jehush the second, and Eliphelet the
third. And the sons of Ulam *were* mighty men of valor, archers, 40
and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All
these *are* of the sons of Benjamin.

So all Israel *were* reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they 9
were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, *who*
were carried away to Babylon for their transgression.

NOW the first inhabitants that *dwelt* in their possessions in 2
their cities *were*, the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Ne-
thinitims. And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and 3
of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim,
and Manasseh; Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, 4
the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Pharez the
son of Judah. And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the first-born, and 5
his sons. And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, 6
six hundred and ninety. And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu 7
the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hasenuah,
'and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the 8
son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son
of Reuel, the son of Ibnijah; and their brethren, according to 9
their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men
were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

'And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, and Jachin, 'and 10
Azariah the son of Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son of
Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the
house of God; and Adaiah the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashur, 12
the son of Malchijah, and Maasiai the son of Adiel, the son of
Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the
son of Immer; and their brethren, heads of the house of their 13
fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able
men for the work of the service of the house of God.

And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son 14
of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari: and 15
Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Micah,
the son of Zichri, the son of Asaph; and Obadiah the son of 16
Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah
the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwell in the villages of
the Netophathites. And the porters *were*, Shallum, and Akkub, 17
and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum *was* the

chief; ' who hitherto *waited* in the king's gate eastward: they 18
were porters in the companies of the children of Levi. And 19
 Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah,
 and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korahites, *were*
 over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the taber-
 nacle: and their fathers, *being* over the host of the LORD, *were*
 keepers of the entry. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was the 20
 ruler over them in time past, *and* the LORD *was* with him. And 21
 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah *was* porter of the door of the
 tabernacle of the congregation. All these *which were* chosen to 22
 be porters in the gates *were* two hundred and twelve. These
 were reckoned by their genealogy in their villages, whom Da-
 vid and Samuel the seer did ordain in their set office. So they 23
 and their children *had* the oversight of the gates of the house
 of the LORD, *namely*, the house of the tabernacle, by wards.
 In four quarters were the porters, toward the east, west, north, 24
 and south. And their brethren, *which were* in their villages, *were* 25
 to come after seven days from time to time with them. For 26
 these Levites, the four chief porters, were in *their* set office, and
 were over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. And 27
 they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge
was upon them, and the opening thereof every morning *pertained*
 to them. And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering 28
 vessels, that they should bring them in and out by tale. *Some* 29
 of them also *were* appointed to oversee the vessels, and all the
 instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine,
 and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. And *some* of 30
 the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. And 31
 Mattithiah, *one* of the Levites, who *was* the first-born of Shal-
 lum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that were
 made in the pans. And *other* of their brethren, of the sons of 32
 the Kohathites, *were* over the show-bread, to prepare *it* every
 sabbath. And these *are* the singers, chief of the fathers of the 33
 Levites, *who remaining* in the chambers *were* free: for they were
 employed in *that* work day and night. These chief fathers of 34
 the Levites *were* chief throughout their generations; these dwelt
 at Jerusalem.

AND in Gibeon dwelt the father of Gibeon: Jehiel, whose 35
 wife's name *was* Maachiah: and his first-born son Abdon, then 36
 Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 'and Gedor, and 37
 Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. And Mikloth begat Shim- 38
 eam. And they also dwelt with their brethren at Jerusalem,
 over-against their brethren. And Ner begat Kish; and Kish 39
 begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and
 Abinadab, and Esh-baal. And the son of Jonathan *was* Merib- 40
 baal: and Merib-baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah 41
were, Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, *and* Ahaz. And Ahaz 42
 begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and
 Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; 'and Moza begat Binea; and 43
 Rephaiah his son, Eleasah his son; Azel his son. And Azel had 44
 six sons, whose names *are* these, Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael,

and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these *were* the sons of Azel.

Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of **10**
Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in
mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard after Saul, **2**
and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abin-
adab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. And the battle went **3**
sore against Saul, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded
of the archers. Then said Saul to his armor-bearer, Draw thy **4**
sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircum-
cised come and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not; for
he was sore afraid. So Saul took a sword, and fell upon it. **5**
And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise
on the sword, and died. So Saul died, and his three sons, and **6**
all his house died together. And when all the men of Israel **7**
that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his
sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the
Philistines came and dwelt in them. And it came to pass on **8**
the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that
they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. And when **9**
they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armor, and
sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry tidings
unto their idols, and to the people. And they put his armor in **10**
the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of
Dagon. And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philis- **11**
tines had done to Saul, 'they arose, all the valiant men, and **12**
took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and
brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak
in Jabesh, and fasted seven days. So Saul died for his trans- **13**
gression which he committed against the LORD, *even* against
the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking **14**
counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it; and
inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned
the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

THEN all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, **11**
saying, Behold, we *are* thy bone and thy flesh. And moreover **2**
in time past, even when Saul was king, thou *wast* he that leddest
out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto
thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler
over my people Israel. Therefore came all the elders of Israel **3**
to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them
in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king
over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which *is* Jebus; **4**
where the Jebusites *were*, the inhabitants of the land. And the **5**
inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come hither.
Nevertheless David took the castle of Zion, which *is* the city of
David. And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first **6**
shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zeruiah went
first up, and was chief. And David dwelt in the castle; there- **7**
fore they called it, The city of David. And he built the city round **8**

about, even from Millo round about: and Joab repaired the rest of the city. So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD 9
of hosts *was* with him.

THESE also *are* the chief of the mighty men whom David had, 10
who strengthened themselves with him in his kingdom, *and* with
all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD
concerning Israel. And this *is* the number of the mighty men 11
whom David had; Jashobeam, an Hachmonite, the chief of the
captains: he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain *by*
him at one time. And after him *was* Eleazar the son of Dodo 12
the Ahohite, who *was* *one* of the three mighties. He was with 13
David at Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered
together to battle, where was a parcel of ground full of barley;
and the people fled from before the Philistines. And they set 14
themselves in the midst of *that* parcel, and delivered it, and slew
the Philistines; and the LORD saved *them* by a great deliverance.
Now three of the thirty captains went down to the rock to Da- 15
vid, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines
encamped in the valley of Rephaim. And David *was* then in 16
the hold, and the Philistines' garrison *was* then at Beth-lehem.
And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink 17
of the water of the well of Beth-lehem, that *is* at the gate! And 18
the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew
water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that *was* by the gate, and
took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink *of* it,
but poured it out to the LORD, and said, My God forbid it me, 19
that I should do this thing: shall I drink the blood of these men
that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with *the jeopardy* of
their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it.
These things did these three mightiest. And Abishai the brother 20
of Joab, he was chief of the three: for lifting up his spear against
three hundred, he slew *them*, and had a name among the three.
Of the three, he was more honorable than the two; for he was 21
their captain: howbeit he attained not to the *first* three. Benaiah 22
the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who
had done many acts; he slew two lion-like men of Moab: also
he went down and slew a lion in a pit in a snowy day. And he 23
slew an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high; and
in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear like a weaver's beam; and
he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of
the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. These 24
things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among
the three mighties. Behold, he was honorable among the thirty, 25
but attained not to the *first* three: and David set him over his
guard. Also the valiant men of the armies *were*, Asahel the 26
brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 'Sham- 27
moth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite. Ira the son of Ikkesh
the Tekoite, Abiezer the Antothite, 'Sibbecai the Hushathite, 28
Ilai the Ahohite, 'Maharai the Netophathite, Heled the son of 30
Baanah the Netophathite, 'Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah, *that* 31
pertained to the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite,

' Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, Abiel the Arbathite, ' Azmaveth 32
 the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite, ' the sons of Hashem 34
 the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite, ' Ahiam 35
 the son of Sacar the Hararite, Eliphai the son of Ur, ' Hephher the 36
 Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite, ' Hezro the Carmelite, Naarai 37
 the son of Ezbai, ' Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar, the son of 38
 Haggeri, ' Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, the armor- 39
 bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, ' Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the 40
 Ithrite, ' Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, ' Adina the 41
 son of Shiza the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and
 thirty with him, ' Hanan the son of Maachah, and Joshiaphat the 43
 Mithnite, ' Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jehiel the sons of 44
 Hothan the Aroerite, ' Jediel the son of Shimri, and Joha his 45
 brother, the Tizite, ' Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Josha- 46
 viah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, ' Eliel, and 47
 Obed, and Jasiel the Mesobaite.

Now these *are* they that came to David to Ziklag, while he **12**
 yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they
were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. *They were* 2
 armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left
 in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's
 brethren of Benjamin. The chief *was* Ahiezer, then Joash, the 3
 sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons
 of Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the Antiothite, ' and Is- 4
 maiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over
 the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Josa-
 bad the Gederathite, ' Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and 5
 Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite, ' Elkanah, and Jesiah, 6
 and Azareel, and Joezer, and Jashobeam, the Korhites, ' and 7
 Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. And of 8
 the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold
 to the wilderness men of might, *and* men of war *fit* for the battle,
 that could handle shield and buckler, whose *faces were like* the
 faces of lions, and *were* as swift as the roes upon the mountains;
 ' Ezer the first, Obadiah the second, Eliab the third, ' Mishmannah 9
 the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, ' Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 11
 ' Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, ' Jeremiah the tenth, 12
 Machbanai the eleventh. These *were* of the sons of Gad, captains 14
 of the host: one of the least *was* over an hundred, and the
 greatest over a thousand. These *are* they that went over Jordan 15
 in the first month, when it had overflowed all his banks; and
 they put to flight all *them* of the valleys, *both* toward the east,
 and toward the west. And there came of the children of Ben- 16
 jamin and Judah to the hold unto David. And David went out 17
 to meet them, and answered and said unto them. If ye be come
 peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto
 you: but if *ye be come* to betray me to mine enemies, seeing *there*
 is no wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look *thereon*,
 and rebuke *it*. Then the spirit came upon Amasai, *who was* 18
 chief of the captains, *and he said*, Thine *are we*, David, and on
 thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace *be* unto thee, and peace

be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band. And there fell *some* of Manasseh to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall to his master Saul to *the jeopardy of our heads*. As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediahel, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zilthai, captains of the thousands that *were* of Manasseh. And they helped David against the band *of the rovers*: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. For at that time day by day there came to David to help him, until it was a great host, like the host of God.

And these *are* the numbers of the bands that *were* ready armed to the war, and came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD. The children of Judah that bare shield and spear *were* six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed to the war. Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand and one hundred. Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. And Jehoiada *was* the leader of the Aaronites, and with him *were* three thousand and seven hundred; and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-and-two captains. And of the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous throughout the house of their fathers. And of the half tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which were expressed by name, to come and make David king. And of the children of Issachar, *which were men* that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them *were* two hundred; and all their brethren *were* at their commandment. Of Zebulun, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all instruments of war, fifty thousand, which could keep rank: *they were* not of double heart. And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. And of the Danites expert in war twenty and eight thousand and six hundred. And of Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, forty thousand. And on the other side of Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and of the half tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, an hundred and twenty thousand. All these men of war, that could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel *were* of one heart to make David king. And there they were with David three days, eating and drinking: for their brethren had prepared for them. Moreover they that were nigh them, *even* unto Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, and meat, meal, cakes of figs,

and bunches of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep abundantly: for *there was* joy in Israel.

AND David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, *and* with every leader. And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, If *it seem* good unto you, and *that it be* of the LORD our God, let us send abroad unto our brethren everywhere, *that are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them *also* to the priests and Levites *which are* in their cities *and* suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us: and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we inquired not at it in the days of Saul. And all the congregation said that they would do so: for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. So David gathered all Israel together, from Shihor of Egypt even unto the entering of Hemath, to bring the ark of God from Kirjath-jearim. And David went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, *that is*, to Kirjath-jearim, which *belonged* to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the LORD, that dwelleth *between* the cherubims, whose name is called *on it*. And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drave the cart. And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put his hand to the ark: and there he died before God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had made a breach upon Uzza: wherefore that place is called Perez-uzza to this day. And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God *home* to me? So David brought not the ark *home* to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of God remained with the family of Obed-edom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timber of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him an house. And David perceived that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted up on high, because of his people Israel.

AND David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. Now these *are* the names of *his* children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 'and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpalet, 'and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 'and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphalet.

AND when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard *of it*, and went out against them. And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. And

David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand. So they came up to Baal-perazim; and David 11 smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken in upon mine enemies by mine hand like the breaking forth of waters: therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim. And 12 when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. And the Philistines yet 13 again spread themselves abroad in the valley. Therefore David 14 inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Go not up after them; turn away from them, and come upon them over-against the mulberry-trees. And it shall be, when thou shalt 15 hear a sound of going in the tops of the mulberry-trees, *that* then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone forth before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. David therefore did as God 16 commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gazer. And the fame of David went out into 17 all lands; and the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

AND David made him houses in the city of David, and pre-15 pared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. Then 2 David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the LORD chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. And David gathered all Israel to- 3 gether to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto his place, which he had prepared for it. And David assembled the 4 children of Aaron, and the Levites: of the sons of Kohath; 5 Uriel the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twenty: of the 6 sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty: of the sons of Gershom; Joel the chief, and his 7 brethren an hundred and thirty: of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred: of the sons of 8 Hebron; Eliel the chief, and his brethren fourscore: of the sons 9 of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred and twelve. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the 11 priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, and said unto them, Ye *are* the 12 chief of the fathers of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, *both* ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel unto *the place that* I have prepared for it. For be- 13 cause ye *did it* not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order. So the 14 priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. And the children of the Le- 15 vites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint 16 their brethren to *be* the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries, and harps, and cymbals, sounding, by lifting up the voice with joy. So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and 17

of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Kushaiah: and with them their brethren of the second *degree*, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, the porters. So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, *were appointed* to sound with cymbals of brass; and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries on Alamoth; and Mattithiah, and Elipheleh, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azaziah, with harps on the Sheminith to excel. And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, *was* for song: he instructed about the song, because he *was* skilful. And Berechiah and Elkanah *were* door-keepers for the ark. And Shebaniah, and Jehoshaphat, and Nethaneel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah *were* door-keepers for the ark. So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Obed-edom with joy. And it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, that they offered seven bullocks and seven rams. And David *was* clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of the song with the singers: David also *had* upon him an ephod of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps. And it came to pass, *as* the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looking out at a window saw king David dancing and playing: and she despised him in her heart. So they brought the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt sacrifices and peace-offerings before God. And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

AND he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel: Asaph the chief, and next to him Zechariah, Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom: and Jeiel with psalteries and with harps; but Asaph made a sound with cymbals: Benaiah also and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God. Then on that day David delivered first *this psalm* to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

- 8 Give thanks unto the LORD,
Call upon his name.
Make known his deeds among the people.
- 9 Sing unto him,
Sing psalms unto him,
Talk ye of all his wondrous works.
- 10 Glory ye in his holy name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
- 11 Seek the LORD and his strength,
Seek his face continually.
- 12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done,
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;
- 13 O ye seed of Israel his servant,
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 14 He is the LORD our God:
His judgments are in all the earth.
- 15 Be ye mindful always of his covenant;
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations;
- 16 *Ever of the covenant which he made with Abraham,*
And of his oath unto Isaac;
- 17 And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law.
And to Israel for an everlasting covenant,
- 18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance;
- 19 When ye were but few,
Even a few, and strangers in it.
- 20 And when they went from nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another people;
- 21 He suffered no man to do them wrong:
Yea, he reproved kings for their sakes.
- 22 *Saying, Touch not mine anointed,*
And do my prophets no harm.
- 23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth;
Show forth from day to day his salvation.
- 24 *Declare his glory among the heathen;*
His marvellous works among all nations.
- 25 For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised:
He also is to be feared above all gods.
- 26 For all the ends of the earth are his:
But the LORD made the heavens.
- 27 Glory and honour are in his presence;
Strength and goodness are in his place.
- 33 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the people,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 20 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come before him:
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 30 Fear before him, all the earth:
The world also shall be stable, that it be not moved.
- 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice:
And let them say among the nations, The LORD reigneth.
- 32 Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof:
Let the hills rejoice, and all that is therein.
- 33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD,
Because he cometh to judge the earth.
- 34 Give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good;
For his mercy endureth for ever.
- 35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,
And gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen.
That we may give thanks to thy holy name,
and glory in thy praise.
- 36 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel for ever and ever.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

So he left there before the ark of the covenant of the LORD 37
Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually,
as every day's work required: and Obed-edom with their brethren 38
ren, threescore and eight: Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun
and Hosah to be porters: and Zadok the priest, and his brethren 39
the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place
that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD upon 40
the altar of the burnt-offering continually morning and evening,
and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD,
which he commanded Israel; and with them Heman and Jedu- 41
thun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by
name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth
for ever; and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets 42
and cymbals for those that should make a sound, and with mu-
sical instruments of God. And the sons of Jeduthun were porters.
And all the people departed every man to his house; and David 43
returned to bless his house.

Now it came to pass, as David sat in his house, that David said 17
to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but
the ark of the covenant of the LORD remaineth under curtains.
Then Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for 2
God is with thee. And it came to pass the same night, that the 3
word of God came to Nathan, saying, Go and tell David my 4

servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house
 to dwell in: for I have not dwelt in an house since the day that 5
 I brought up Israel unto this day: but have gone from tent to
 tent, and from *one* tabernacle to *another*. Wheresoever I have 6
 walked with all Israel, spake I a word to any of the judges of
 Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have
 ye not built me an house of cedars? Now therefore thus shalt 7
 thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
 I took thee from the sheepcot, *even* from following the sheep, that
 thou shouldest be ruler over my people Israel: and I have been 8
 with thee whithersoever thou hast walked, and have cut off all
 thine enemies from before thee, and have made thee a name like
 the name of the great men that *are* in the earth. Also I will 9
 ordain a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, and
 they shall dwell in their place, and shall be moved no more;
 neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more,
 as at the beginning, and since the time that I commanded judges 10
to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine
 enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee
 an house. And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired 11
 that thou must go *to be* with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy
 seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish
 his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and I will stablish 12
 his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: 13
 and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took *it* from
him that was before thee: but I will settle him in mine house 14
 and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established
 for evermore. According to all these words, and according to 15
 all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. And David 16
 the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who *am* I,
 O LORD God, and what *is* mine house, that thou hast brought
 me hitherto? And *yet* this was a small thing in thine eyes, O 17
 God; for thou hast *also* spoken of thy servant's house for a great
 while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of
 a man of high degree. O LORD God. What can David *speak* 18
 more to thee for the honor of thy servant? for thou knowest thy
 servant. O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to 19
 thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making
 known all *these* great things. O LORD, *there is* none like thee, 20
 neither *is there any* God beside thee, according to all that we
 have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth *is* 21
 like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem *to be* his own
 people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by
 driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast re-
 deemed out of Egypt? For thy people Israel didst thou make 22
 thine own people for ever: and thou, LORD, becamest their
 God. Therefore now, LORD, let the thing that thou hast spoken 23
 concerning thy servant and concerning his house be established
 for ever, and do as thou hast said. Let it even be established, 24
 that thy name may be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of
 hosts is the God of Israel, *even* a God to Israel: and *let* the house

of David thy servant *be* established before thee. For thou, O 25
my God, hast told thy servant that thou wilt build him an house:
therefore thy servant hath found *in his heart* to pray before thee.
And now, LORD, thou art God, and hast promised this goodness 26
unto thy servant: now therefore let it please thee to bless the 27
house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for
thou blessest, O LORD, and *it shall be* blessed for ever.

Now after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philis-18
tines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of
the hand of the Philistines. And he smote Moab; and the 2
Moabites became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. And Da- 3
vid smote Hadarezer king of Zobah unto Hamath, as he went
to stablish his dominion by the river Euphrates. And David 4
took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horse-
men, and twenty thousand footmen: David also houghed all
the chariot *horses*, but reserved of them an hundred chariots.
And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadarezer 5
king of Zobah, David slew of the Syrians two and twenty thou-
sand men. Then David put *garrisons* in Syria-damascus; and 6
the Syrians became David's servants, *and* brought gifts. Thus
the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. And Da- 7
vid took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadar-
ezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. Likewise from Tibhath, 8
and from Chun, cities of Hadarezer, brought David very much
brass, wherewith Solomon made the brazen sea, and the pillars,
and the vessels of brass.

Now when Tou king of Hamath heard how David had smitten 9
all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah; he sent Hadoram his 10
son to king David, to inquire of his welfare, and to congratulate
him, because he had fought against Hadarezer, and smitten him;
(for Hadarezer had war with Tou;) and *with him* all manner of
vessels of gold and silver and brass. Them also king David 11
dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold that he
brought from all *these* nations: from Edom, and from Moab, and
from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from
Amalek.

MOREOVER Abishai the son of Zeruiah slew of the Edomites 12
in the valley of salt eighteen thousand. And he put garrisons 13
in Edom: and all the Edomites became David's servants. Thus
the LORD preserved David whithersoever he went. So David 14
reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice
among all his people.

AND Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* over the host: and Jehosha- 15
phat the son of Ahilud, recorder. And Zadok the son of Ahi- 16
tub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, *were* the priests; and
Shavsha was scribe: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* over 17
the Cherethites, and the Pelethites; and the sons of David *were*
chief about the king.

Now it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the 19
children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. And 2
David said, I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash,

because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? Wherefore Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the midst hard by their buttocks, and sent them away. Then there went *certain*, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them: for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and *then* return. And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Syria-maachah, and out of Zobah. So they hired thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Maachah and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. And when David heard of *it*, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array before the gate of the city: and the kings that were come *were* by themselves in the field. Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice of Israel, and put *them* in array against the Syrians. And the rest of the people he delivered unto the hand of Abishai his brother, and they set *themselves* in array against the children of Ammon. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. Be of good courage, and let us behave ourselves valiantly for our people, and for the cities of our God: and let the LORD do *that which is* good in his sight. So Joab and the people that *were* with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that *were* beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer *went* before them. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set *the battle* in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. But the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians seven thousand *men which fought* in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and

became his servants: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

AND it came to pass, that after the year was expired, at the 20 time that kings go out *to battle*, Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and destroyed it. 2 And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and *there were* precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought also exceeding much spoil out of the city. 3 And he brought out the people that *were* in it, and cut *them* with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. Even so dealt David with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

AND it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer 4 with the Philistines; at which time Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Sippai, *that was* of the children of the giant: and they were subdued. And there was war again with the Philistines; and 5 Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, whose spear's staff *was* like a weaver's beam. And yet 6 again there was war at Gath, where was a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes *were* four-and-twenty, six *on each hand*, and six *on each foot*: and he also was the son of the giant. But 7 when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. These were born unto the giant in Gath; 8 and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

AND Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to 21 number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the 2 people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring the number of them to me, that I may know *it*. And Joab 3 answered, The LORD make his people an hundred times so many more as they *be*: but, my lord the king, *are* they not all my lord's servants? why then doth my lord require this thing? 4 why will he be a cause of trespass to Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. And 5 Joab gave the sum of the number of the people unto David. And all *they of* Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah *was* four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. But 6 Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with 7 this thing; therefore he smote Israel. And David said unto God, 8 I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. And the LORD spake unto Gad, David's 9 seer, saying, 'Go and tell David, saying, Thus saith the LORD, 10 I offer thee three *things*: choose thee one of them, that I may do *it* unto thee. So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus 11 saith the LORD, Choose thee 'either three years' famine; or three 12

months to be destroyed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the LORD, even the pestilence, in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore advise thyself what word I shall bring again to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the LORD; for very great are his mercies: but let me not fall into the hand of man. So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

AND God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed: but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house: but not on thy people, that they should be plagued. Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the LORD. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. Then David said to Ornan, Grant me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build an altar therein unto the LORD: thou shalt grant it me for the full price: that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen also for burnt-offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering: I give it all. And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the LORD, nor offer burnt-offerings without cost. So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings, and called upon the LORD: and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt-offering. And the LORD commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacri-

ficed there. For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses 29
made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt-offering, were
at that season in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not 30
go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the
sword of the angel of the LORD. Then David said, *This is the* 22
house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt-offering
for Israel. And David commanded to gather together the stran- 2
gers that *were* in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew
wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared 3
iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and
for the joinings: and brass in abundance without weight; 'also 4
cedar-trees in abundance: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre
brought much cedar-wood to David. And David said, Solo- 5
mon my son *is* young and tender, and the house *that is* to be
bailded for the LORD *must be* exceeding magnifical, of fame and
of glory throughout all countries: I will *therefore* now make
preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his
death.

THEN he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to 6
build an house for the LORD God of Israel. And David said to 7
Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build an house
unto the name of the LORD my God: but the word of the 8
LORD came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly,
and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto
my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in
my sight. Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a 9
man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round
about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and
quietness unto Israel in his days. He shall build an house for 10
my name; and he shall be my son, and I *will be* his father; and
I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever.
Now, my son, the LORD be with thee; and prosper thou, and 11
build the house of the LORD thy God, as he hath said of thee.
Only the LORD give thee wisdom and understanding, and give 12
thee charge concerning Israel, that thou mayest keep the law of
the LORD thy God. Then shalt thou prosper, if thou takest 13
heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD
charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good
courage; dread not, nor be dismayed. Now, behold, in my 14
trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD an hundred
thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of
silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abun-
dance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest
add thereto. Moreover *there are* workmen with thee in abun- 15
dance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all manner
of cunning men for every manner of work. Of the gold, the 16
silver, and the brass, and the iron, *there is* no number. Arise
therefore, and be doing, and the LORD be with thee. David 17
also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son,
saying, 'Is not the LORD your God with you? and hath he not 18
given you rest on every side? for he hath given the inhabitants

of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the LORD, and before his people. Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD. So when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel.

And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty and eight thousand. Of which, twenty and four thousand *were* to set forward the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand *were* officers and judges: moreover four thousand *were* porters: and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, *said David*, to praise *therewith*. And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, *namely*, Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

Of the Gershonites *were*, Laadan, and Shimei. The sons of Laadan: the chief *was* Jehiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three. The sons of Shimei; Shelomith, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These *were* the chief of the fathers of Laadan. And the sons of Shimei *were*, Jahath, Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four *were* the sons of Shimei. And Jahath *was* the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.

The sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron *was* separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever. Now *concerning* Moses the man of God, his sons *were* named of the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses *were*, Gershom, and Eliezer. Of the sons of Gershom, Shebuel *was* the chief. And the sons of Eliezer *were*, Rehabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons: but the sons of Rehabiah *were* very many. Of the sons of Izhar; Shelomith the chief. Of the sons of Hebron; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth. Of the sons of Uzziel; Micah the first, and Jesiah the second.

The sons of Merari; Mahli, and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Eleazar, and Kish. And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them. The sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

These *were* the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers; *even* the chief of the fathers, as they *were* counted by number of names by their polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward. For David said, The LORD God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, that they may dwell in Jerusalem for ever; and also unto the Levites: they shall no *more* carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service thereof. For by the last words

of David the Levites *were* numbered from twenty years old and above: because their office *was* to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; both for the show-bread, and for the fine flour for meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for *that which is baked in the pan*, and for that which is fried, and for all manner of measure and size; and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at even; and to offer all burnt-sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded unto them, continually before the LORD: and that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the house of the LORD.

Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priests' office. And David distributed them, both Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, according to their offices in their service. And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar: and *thus* were they divided. Among the sons of Eleazar *there were* sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Ithamar according to the house of their fathers. Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors of the house of God, were of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. And Shemaiah the son of Nethaneel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites: one principal household being taken for Eleazar, and *one* taken for Ithamar. Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiah, 'the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, 'the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin, 'the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to Abijah, 'the ninth to Jeshuah, the tenth to Shecaniah, 'the eleventh to Eliashib, the twelfth to Jakim, 'the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeab, 'the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to Immer, 'the seventeenth to Hezir, the eighteenth to Aphses, 'the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehezkeel, 'the one-and-twentieth to Jachin, the two-and-twentieth to Gamul, 'the three-and-twentieth to Delaiah, the four-and-twentieth to Maaziah. These *were* the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, under Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these*: Of the sons of Amram; Shubael: of the sons of Shubael; Jehdeiah. Concern-

ing Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, the first *was* Isshiah. Of the Izharites; Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth; Jahath. 22 And the sons of *Hebron*; Jeriah the first, Amariah the second, 23 Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. Of the sons of Uzziel: 24 Michah: of the sons of Michah; Shamir. The brother of Michah *was* Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah; Zechariah. The sons 26 of Merari *were* Mahli and Mushi: the sons of Jaaziah; Beno. The sons of Merari by Jaaziah; Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. 'Of Mahli *came* Eleazar, who had no sons.' 28 Cerning Kish: the son of Kish *was* Jerahmeel. The sons also 30 of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These *were* the sons of the Levites after the house of their fathers. These likewise 31 cast lots over-against their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over-against their younger brethren.

Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the 25 service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asarelah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king. Of 3 Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD. Of Heman: the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, 4 Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, and Mahazioth: all these *were* the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God 5 gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. All these 6 *were* under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. So the number of them, with their brethren that 7 were instructed in the songs of the LORD, *even* all that were cunning, *was* two hundred fourscore and eight. And they cast 8 lots, ward against ward, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar. Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: 9 the second to Gedaliah, who with his brethren and sons *were* twelve: the third to Zaccur, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* 10 twelve: the fourth to Izri, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, *were* 11 twelve: the fifth to Nethaniah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, 12 *were* twelve: the sixth to Bukkiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, 13 *were* twelve: the seventh to Jesharelah, *he*, his sons, and his 14 brethren, *were* twelve: the eighth to Jeshaiiah, *he*, his sons, and 15 his brethren, *were* twelve: the ninth to Mattaniah, *he*, his sons, 16 and his brethren, *were* twelve: the tenth to Shimei, *he*, his sons, 17 and his brethren, *were* twelve: the eleventh to Azareel, *he*, his 18 sons, and his brethren, *were* twelve: the twelfth to Hashabiah, 19

he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the thirteenth to 20
 Shubael, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the four- 21
 teenth to Mattithiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: 22
 the fifteenth to Jeremoth, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were 23
 twelve: the sixteenth to Hananiah, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, 24
 were twelve: the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, *he*, his sons, and 25
 his brethren, were twelve: the eighteenth to Hanani, *he*, his sons, 26
 and his brethren, were twelve: the nineteenth to Mallothi, *he*, 27
 his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the twentieth to Eliathah, 28
he, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the one-and-twentieth 29
 to Hothur, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve: the two- 30
 and-twentieth to Giddali, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were 31
 twelve: the three-and-twentieth to Mahazioth, *he*, his sons, and 32
 his brethren, were twelve: the four-and-twentieth to Romamti- 33
 ezer, *he*, his sons, and his brethren, were twelve.

Concerning the divisions of the porters: Of the Korhites was 26
 Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of Asaph. And the 2
 sons of Meshelemiah were, Zechariah the first-born, Jeduel the 3
 second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 'Elam the fifth, 4
 Jehohanan the sixth, Elioenai the seventh. Moreover the sons 5
 of Obed-edom were, Shemaiah the first-born, Jehozabab the 6
 second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethaneel the 7
 fifth, 'Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the 8
 eighth: for God blessed him. Also unto Shemaiah his son were 9
 sons born, that ruled throughout the house of their father: for 10
 they were mighty men of valor. The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, 11
 and Raphael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were strong 12
 men, Elihu, and Semachiah. All these of the sons of Obed- 13
 edom: they and their sons, and their brethren, able men for 14
 strength for the service, were threescore and two of Obed-edom. 15
 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, strong men, eighteen. 16
 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Simri the chief, 17
 (for though he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the 18
 chief;) Hilkiyah the second, Tabaliah the third, Zechariah the 19
 fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen. Among 20
 these were the divisions of the porters, even among the chief men, 21
 having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the 22
 LORD. And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, ac- 23
 cording to the house of their fathers, for every gate. And the 24
 lot eastward fell to Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a 25
 wise counsellor, they cast lots; and his lot came out northward. 26
 To Obed-edom southward; and to his sons the house of Asup- 27
 pim. To Shuppim and Hosah, the lot came forth westward, with 28
 the gate Shallecheth, by the causeway of the going up, ward 29
 against ward. Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, 30
 southward four a day, and toward Asuppim two and two. At 31
 Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at Parbar. 32
 These are the divisions of the porters among the sons of Kore, 33
 and among the sons of Merari.

And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house 20
 of God, and over the treasures of the dedicated things. As con- 21

cerning the sons of Laadan; the sons of the Gershonite Laadan, chief fathers, *even* of Laadan the Gershonite, *were* Jehieli. The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, *which were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD. Of the Amramites, and the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* ruler of the treasures. And his brethren by Eliezer; Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomith his son. Which Shelomith and his brethren *were* over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had dedicated. Out of the spoils won in battles did they dedicate to maintain the house of the LORD. And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; and whosoever had dedicated *any thing*, it *was* under the hand of Shelomith, and of his brethren.

Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons *were* for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. And of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, *were* officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. Among the Hebronites *was* Jerijah the chief, *even* among the Hebronites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, men of valor, *were* two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers, whom king David made rulers over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, and affairs of the king.

Now the children of Israel after their number, *to wit*, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers that served the king in any matter of the courses, which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course *were* twenty and four thousand. Over the first course for the first month *was* Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. Of the children of Perez *was* the chief of all the captains of the host for the first month. And over the course of the second month *was* Dodai an Ahohite, and of his course *was* Mikloth also the ruler: in his course likewise *were* twenty and four thousand. The third captain of the host for the third month *was* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, a chief priest: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. This *is that* Benaiah, *who was* mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty: and in his course *was* Ammizabad his son. The fourth captain for the fourth month *was* Asahel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The fifth captain for the fifth month *was* Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The sixth captain for

the sixth month *was* Ira the son of Ikkesb the Tekoite: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The seventh *captain* 10 for the seventh month *was* Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The 11 eighth *captain* for the eighth month *was* Sibbecai the Hushathite, of the Zarahites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The ninth *captain* for the ninth month *was* Abiezer 12 the Anetothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The tenth *captain* for the tenth month *was* 13 Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarahites: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The eleventh *captain* for the 14 eleventh month *was* Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand. The 15 twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month *was* Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course *were* twenty and four thousand.

Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: the ruler of the Reubenites *was* Eliezer the son of Zichri: of the Simconites. Shephatiah the son of Maachah: of the Levites, Hashabiah the son 17 of Kemuel: of the Aaronites, Zadok: 'of Judah, Elihu, *one* of 18 the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jerimoth 19 the son of Azriel: of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea the son 20 of Azariah: of the half tribe of Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiiah: of the half *tribe* of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of 21 Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: 'of Dan, Azareel the son of Jeroham. These *were* the princes of the tribes 22 of Israel.

But David took not the number of them from twenty years 23 old and under: because the LORD had said he would increase Israel like to the stars of the heavens. Joab the son of Zeruiah 24 began to number, but he finished not, because there fell wrath for it against Israel: neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

AND over the king's treasures *was* Azmaveth the son of Adiel: 25 and over the store-houses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, *was* Jehonathan the son of Uziah: and over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the 26 ground *was* Ezri the son of Chelub: and over the vineyards *was* 27 Shimei the Ramathite: over the increase of the vineyards for the wine-cellars *was* Zabdi the Shiphmite: and over the olive- 28 trees and the sycamore-trees that *were* in the low plains *was* Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of oil *was* Joash: and over the herds that fed in Sharon *was* Shitrai the Sharonite: 29 and over the herds that *were* in the valleys *was* Shaphat the son of Adlai: 'over the camels also *was* Obil the Ishmaelite: and 30 over the asses *was* Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the 31 flocks *was* Jaziz the Hagerite. All these *were* the rulers of the substance which *was* king David's.

Also Jonathan David's uncle *was* a counsellor, a wise man, 32 and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni *was* with the king's

sons : and Ahithophel *was* the king's counsellor : and Hushai the 33
Archite *was* the king's companion : and after Ahithophel *was* 34
Jehoiada the son of Benaiah and Abiathar : and the general of
the king's army *was* Joab.

AND David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of 28
the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to
the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and cap-
tains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance
and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers,
and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto
Jerusalem. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, 2
Hear me, my brethren, and my people : *As for me*, I *had* in mine
heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the
LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for
the building : but God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an 3
house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and
hast shed blood. Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me 4
before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever :
for he hath chosen Judah *to be* the ruler ; and of the house of
Judah, the house of my father ; and among the sons of my father
he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel : and of all my sons, 5
(for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solo-
mon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD
over Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall 6
build my house and my courts : for I have chosen him *to be* my
son, and I will be his father. Moreover I will establish his king- 7
dom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my
judgments, as at this day. Now, therefore, in the sight of all Is- 8
rael the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our
God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD
your God : that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for
an inheritance for your children after you for ever. And thou, 9
Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve
him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind : for the LORD
searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of
the thoughts : if thou seek him, he will be found of thee ; but if
thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. Take heed now ; 10
for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanc-
tuary : be strong, and do *it*.

THEN David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, 11
and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the
upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlors thereof, and
of the place of the mercy-seat, ' and the pattern of all that he had 12
by the spirit, of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all
the chambers round about, of the treasuries of the house of God,
and of the treasuries of the dedicated things : also for the courses 13
of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service
of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in
the house of the LORD. *He gave* of gold by weight for *things* 14
of gold, for all instruments of all manner of service ; *silver also*
for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every

kind of service: even the weight for the candlesticks of gold, 15
and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every candlestick, and
for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver by weight,
both for the candlestick, and *also* for the lamps thereof, according
to the use of every candlestick. And by weight *he gave* gold for 16
the tables of show-bread, for every table: and *likewise* silver for
the tables of silver: also pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the 17
bowls, and the cups: and for the golden basons *he gave* gold by
weight for every bason; and *likewise* silver by weight for every
bason of silver: and for the altar of incense refined gold by 18
weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims,
that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant
of the LORD.

ALL *this*, said David, the LORD made me understand in writ- 19
ing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.
And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good cour- 20
age, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God,
even my God, *will be* with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake
thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the
house of the LORD. And, behold, the courses of the priests and 21
the Levites, *even they shall be with thee* for all the service of the
house of God: and *there shall be* with thee for all manner of work-
manship every willing skilful man, for any manner of service:
also the princes and all the people *will be* wholly at thy com-
mandment. Furthermore David the king said unto all the con- 29
gregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet*
young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not
for man, but for the LORD God. Now I have prepared with all 2
my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made*
of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things*
of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood;
onyx-stones, and *stones* to be set, glistering stones, and of divers
colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in
abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the 3
house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and
silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above
all that I have prepared for the holy house, *even* three thousand 4
talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents
of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*: the 5
gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for
all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And
who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the
LORD?

THEN the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Is- 6
rael, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the
rulers over the king's work, offered willingly, 'and gave for the 7
service of the house of God, of gold five thousand talents and ten
thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass
eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of
iron. And they with whom *precious* stones were found gave 8
them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of

Jehiel the Gershonite. Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. 9

WHEREFORE David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; *thine is the kingdom*, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor *come* of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in *thine hand is power and might*; and in *thine hand it is to make great*, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who *am I*, and what *is my people*, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of *thine own* have we given thee. For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is none abiding*. O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for *thine holy name cometh* of *thine hand*, and *is all thine own*. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the palace, *for the which I have made provision*. And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even a thousand bullocks*, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel; and did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

AND they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest. Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him. And all the princes and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king. And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him *such royal majesty* as had not been on any king before him in Israel. 23 24 25

THUS David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years 26

reigned he in Hebron, and thirty-and-three *years* reigned he in Jerusalem. And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, 28
and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead: Now the 29
acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they *are* written in
the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the
prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, ' with all his reign and 30
his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel,
and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

THE SECOND BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

AND Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his king- 1
dom, and the LORD his God *was* with him, and magnified him
exceedingly. Then Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the cap- 2
tains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to
every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. So Solo- 3
mon, and all the congregation with him, went to the high place
that *was* at Gibeon; for there was the tabernacle of the congre-
gation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made
in the wilderness. But the ark of God had David brought up 4
from Kirjath-jearim to the *place which* David had prepared for it:
for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. Moreover the 5
brazen altar, that Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had
made, he put before the tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon
and the congregation sought unto it. And Solomon went up thither 6
to the brazen altar before the LORD, which *was* at the taber-
nacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings
upon it. In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said 7
unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said unto 8
God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father, and
hast made me to reign in his stead. Now, O LORD God, let thy 9
promise unto David my father be established: for thou hast made
me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude.
Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go out and 10
come in before this people: for who can judge this thy people,
that is so great? And God said to Solomon, Because this was 11
in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honor,
nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life;
but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou
mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king:
wisdom and knowledge *is* granted unto thee; and I will give thee 12
riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have
had that *have been* before thee, neither shall there any after thee
have the like. Then Solomon came *from his journey* to the high 13
place that *was* at Gibeon to Jerusalem, from before the taber-
nacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel.

AND Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a 14
 thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horse-
 men, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king
 at Jerusalem. And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem 15
as plentiful as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-
 trees that *are* in the vale for abundance. And Solomon had 16
 horses brought out of Egypt, and linen yarn: the king's mer-
 chants received the linen yarn at a price. And they fetched up, 17
 and brought forth out of Egypt, a chariot for six hundred *shekels*
 of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so brought
 they out *horses* for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings
 of Syria, by their means.

AND Solomon determined to build an house for the name of 2
 the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. And Solomon told 2
 out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and four-
 score thousand to hew in the mountain, and three thousand and
 six hundred to oversee them. And Solomon sent to Hiram the 3
 king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father,
 and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein,
even so deal with me. Behold, I build an house to the name of 4
 the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to him, *and* to burn before him
 sweet incense, and for the continual show-bread, and for the
 burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on
 the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God.
 This *is an ordinance* for ever to Israel. ' And the house which I 5
 build *is great*: for great *is* our God above all gods. But who is 6
 able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and heaven of
 heavens cannot contain him? who *am* I then, that I should build 7
 him an house, save only to burn sacrifice before him? Send me
 now therefore a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and
 in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and
 that can skill to grave with the cunning men that *are* with me
 in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide.
 Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees, and algum-trees, out of Leb- 8
 anon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in
 Lebanon; and, behold, my servants *shall be* with thy servants,
 'even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which 9
 I am about to build *shall be* wonderful great. And, behold, I 10
 will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty
 thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand meas-
 ures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty
 thousand baths of oil. Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered 11
 in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD hath
 loved his people, he hath made thee king over them. Hiram 12
 said moreover, Blessed *be* the LORD God of Israel, that made
 heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son,
 endued with prudence and understanding, that might build an
 house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. And now 13
 I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, of Hu-
 ram my father's, the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, 14
 and his father *was* a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and

in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to find out every device which shall be put to him, with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem. And Solomon numbered all the strangers that *were* in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred. And he set threescore and ten thousand of them *to be* bearers of burdens, and fourscore thousand *to be* hewers in the mountain, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

THEN Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where *the LORD* appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. Now *these are the things wherein* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure *was* threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. And the porch that *was* in the front of the house, the length of it *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height *was* an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. And the greater house he ceiled with fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and set thereon palm-trees and chains. And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold *was* gold of Parvaim. He overlaid also the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubims on the walls. And he made the most holy house, the length whereof *was* according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents. And the weight of the nails *was* fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold. And in the most holy house he made two cherubims of image work, and overlaid them with gold. And the wings of the cherubims *were* twenty cubits long: one wing of the one cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing *was likewise* five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other cherub. And one wing of the other cherub *was* five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing *was* five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other cherub. The wings of these cherubims spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their faces *were* inward. And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubims thereon. Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty-and-five cubits

high, and the chapter that *was* on the top of each of them *was* five cubits. And he made chains, *as* in the oracle, and put *them* 16 on the heads of the pillars; and made an hundred pomegranates, and put *them* on the chains. And he reared up the pillars be- 17 fore the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz.

MOREOVER he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length 4 thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof. Also he made a molten sea of ten cubits 2 from brim to brim, round in compass, and five cubits the height thereof; and a line of thirty cubits did compass it round about. And under it *was* the similitude of oxen, which did compass it 3 round about: ten in a cubit, compassing the sea round about. Two rows of oxen *were* cast, when it was cast. 'It stood upon 4 twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea *was* set above upon them, and all their hinder parts *were* inward. And the thickness of it 5 *was* an hand-breadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies; *and* it received and held three thousand baths.

HE made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and 6 five on the left, to wash in them: such things as they offered for the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea *was* for the priests to wash in. And he made ten candlesticks of gold ac- 7 cording to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. He made also ten tables, and 8 placed *them* in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an hundred basons of gold.

FURTHERMORE he made the court of the priests, and the great 9 court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. And he set the sea on the right side of the east 10 end, over-against the south. And Hiram made the pots, and 11 the shovels, and the basons. And Hiram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God; *to wit*, the 12 two pillars, and the pommels, and the chapters *which were* on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two pom- mels of the chapters *which were* on the top of the pillars; and 13 four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths; two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two pommels of the chapters *which were* upon the pillars. He made also bases, and 14 lavers made he upon the bases; one sea, and twelve oxen under 15 it. The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all 16 their instruments, did Hiram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass. In the plain of 17 Jordan did the king cast them. in the clay ground between Suc- coth and Zeredathah. Thus Solomon made all these vessels in 18 great abundance: for the weight of the brass could not be found out.

AND Solomon made all the vessels that *were* for the house of 19

God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the show-bread *was set*; moreover the candlesticks with their lamps, that they 20
 should burn after the manner before the oracle, of pure gold;
 and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, *made he of gold*, 21
and that perfect gold; and the snuffers, and the basons, and the 22
 spoons, and the censers, *of pure gold*: and the entry of the house,
 the inner doors thereof for the most holy *place*, and the doors of 5
 the house of the temple, *were of gold*. Thus all the work that
 Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished: and
 Solomon brought in *all* the things that David his father had dedi-
 cated; and the silver, and the gold, and all the instruments, put
 he among the treasures of the house of God.

THEN Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the 2
 heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of
 Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of
 the LORD out of the city of David, which *is Zion*. Wherefore 3
 all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king in the
 feast which *was* in the seventh month. And all the elders of 4
 Israel came; and the Levites took up the ark. And they brought 5
 up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the
 holy vessels that *were* in the tabernacle, these did the priests *and*
 the Levites bring up. Also king Solomon, and all the congrega- 6
 tion of Israel that were assembled unto him before the ark,
 sacrificed sheep and oxen, which could not be told nor numbered
 for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the cove- 7
 nant of the LORD unto his place, to the oracle of the house,
 into the most holy *place*, *even* under the wings of the cherubims:
 for the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the 8
 ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves thereof
 above. And they drew out the staves *of the ark*, that the ends 9
 of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they
 were not seen without. And there it is unto this day. ' *There* 10
was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put
therein at Horeb, when the LORD made a covenant with the
 children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. And it came 11
 to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy *place*: (for
 all the priests *that were* present were sanctified, *and* did not *then*
 wait by course: also the Levites *which were* the singers, all of 12
 them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and
 their brethren, *being* arrayed in white linen, having cymbals
 and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and
 with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trum-
 pets;) it came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers *were* 13
 as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking
 the LORD; and when they lifted up *their* voice with the trum-
 pets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the
 LORD, *saying*, For *he is* good; for his mercy *endureth* for ever:
 that *then* the house was filled with a cloud, *even* the house of
 the LORD: so that the priests could not stand to minister by 14
 reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the
 house of God.

THEN said Solomon, The LORD hath said that he would dwell **6**
 in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation **2**
 for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever. And the king **3**
 turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel:
 and all the congregation of Israel stood. And he said, Blessed **4**
be the LORD God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled
that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying,
 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of **5**
 Egypt, I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an
 house in, that my name might be there: neither chose I any man **6**
 to be a ruler over my people Israel: but I have chosen Jerusa-
 lem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to **7**
 be over my people Israel. Now it was in the heart of David **7**
 my father to build an house for the name of the LORD God of
 Israel. But the LORD said to David my father, Forasmuch as **8**
 it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst **9**
 well in that it was in thine heart: notwithstanding thou shalt **9**
 not build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of
 thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. The LORD **10**
 therefore hath performed his word that he hath spoken: for I
 am risen up in the room of David my father, and am set on the
 throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and have built the house
 for the name of the LORD God of Israel. And in it have I put **11**
 the ark, wherein is the covenant of the LORD, that he made
 with the children of Israel.

AND he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence **12**
 of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands: for **13**
 Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five
 cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst
 of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his
 knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his
 hands toward heaven, and said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is* **14**
 no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest
 covenant, and *showest* mercy unto thy servants, that walk before
 thee with all their hearts: thou which hast kept with thy ser- **15**
 vant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and
 spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with thine hand, as
it is this day. Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with **16**
 thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him,
 saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon
 the throne of Israel: yet so that thy children take heed to their
 way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. Now **17**
 then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which
 thou hast spoken unto thy servant David. But will God in very **18**
 deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the
 heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this
 house which I have built! Have respect therefore to the prayer **19**
 of thy servant, and to his supplication. O LORD my God, to
 hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth
 before thee: that thine eyes may be open upon this house day **20**
 and night, upon the place whereof thou hast said that thou

wouldest put thy name there ; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. Harken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place : hear thou from thy dwelling-place, *even* from heaven ; and when thou hearest, forgive. If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to make him swear, and the oath come before thine altar in this house ; then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, by requiting the wicked, by recompensing his way upon his own head ; and by justifying the righteous, by giving him according to his righteousness. And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee ; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house ; then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers. When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee ; *yet* if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them ; then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk ; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance. If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars ; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land ; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness *there be* : then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house : then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest ; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men :) that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers. Moreover concerning the stranger, which is not of thy people Israel, but is come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand, and thy stretched-out arm ; if they come and pray in this house ; then hear thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for ; that all people of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as *doth* thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name. If people go out to war against their enemies by the way that thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name ; then hear thou from the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause. If they sin against thee, (for *there is* no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near ; *yet if* they bethink

themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly: if they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul 38 in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land which thou gavest unto their fathers, and *toward* the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: then hear 39 thou from the heavens, *even* from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee. Now, my 40 God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and *let* thine ears *be* attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in goodness. O LORD God, 42 turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the mercies of David thy servant.

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire 7 came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. And 2 the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. And when 3 all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *he is good*; for his mercy *endureth* for ever.

THEN the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the 4 LORD. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and 5 two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. And 6 the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy *endureth* for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. Moreover Solomon 7 hallowed the middle of the court that *was* before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the brazen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat. Also at the same time Solomon kept the 8 feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt. And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they 9 kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. And on the three-and-twentieth day of the seventh month 10 he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had showed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. Thus Solomon finished 11 the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came

into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

AND the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people: if my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer *that is made* in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments: then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man *to be* ruler in Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them: then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it *to be* a proverb and a by-word among all nations. And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house? And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them; therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

AND it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his own house, that the cities which Hiram had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, with walls, gates, and bars; and Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

As for all the people *that were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which *were* not of Israel, *but* of their children, who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, them did Solomon make to pay tribute until this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his

work; but they *were* men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen. And these *were* the chief 10 of king Solomon's officers, *even* two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the people.

And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the 11 city of David, unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places are holy*, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come.

Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto the LORD on the 12 altar of the LORD, which he had built before the porch, 'even 13 after a certain rate every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. And he appointed, according to the order 14 of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the porters also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. And they departed not from the commandment of 15 the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. Now all the work of Solomon was 16 prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was perfected.

THEN went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Elath, at the sea- 17 side in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent him, by the hands 18 of his servants, ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and took thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

AND when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, 9 she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was nothing 2 hid from Solomon which he told her not. And when the queen 3 of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 'and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his 4 servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cup-bearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the house of the LORD; there was no more 5 spirit in her. And she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom: 6 howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen *it*: and, behold, the one half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: *for* thou exceedest the fame that I 7 heard. Happy *are* thy men, and happy *are* these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom.

Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee to set thee on his throne, *to be king for the LORD thy God*: because thy God loved Israel, to establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgment and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon. And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought algum-trees and precious stones. And the king made *of the algum-trees* terraces to the house of the LORD, and to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers: and there were none such seen before in the land of Judah. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside *that* which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; beside *that which* chapmen and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target. And three hundred shields *made he of* beaten gold: three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne, and stays on each side of the sitting-place, and two lions standing by the stays: and twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom. And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon *were of* gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon *were of* pure gold: none *were of* silver; it was *not* any thing accounted of in the days of Solomon. For the king's ships went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: every three years once came the ships of Tarshish bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. And king Solomon passed all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom. And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, that God had put in his heart. And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen; whom he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And he reigned over all the kings from the river even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the king made silver in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar-trees made he as the sycamore-trees that *are* in the low plains in abundance. And they brought unto Solomon horses out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they 29
not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the
prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the
seer against Jeroboam the son of Nebat? And Solomon reigned 30
in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. And Solomon slept with 31
his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father:
and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

AND Rehoboam went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all 10
Israel come to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jero- 2
boam the son of Nebat, who *was* in Egypt, whither he had fled
from the presence of Solomon the king, heard *it*, that Jeroboam
returned out of Egypt. 'And they sent and called him. So 3
Jeroboam and all Israel came and spake to Rehoboam, saying,
'Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou 4
somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy
yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. - And he 5
said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the
people departed. And king Rehoboam took counsel with the 6
old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet
lived, saying, What counsel give ye *me* to return answer to this
people? 'And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to 7
this people, and please them, and speak good words to them,
they will be thy servants for ever. But he forsook the counsel 8
which the old men gave him, and took counsel with the young
men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. And 9
he said unto them, What advice give ye that we may return an-
swer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease
somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? And the 10
young men that were brought up with him spake unto him, say-
ing, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spake unto thee,
saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou *it*
somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little 11
finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. For whereas my
father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke:
my father chastised you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with 12
scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam
on the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come again to me on 12
the third day. And the king answered them roughly; and king 13
Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, and answered 14
them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made
your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised
you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. So the 15
king hearkened not unto the people: for the cause was of God,
that the LORD might perform his word, which he spake by the
hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. And 16
when all Israel *saw* that the king would not hearken unto them,
the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in
David? and *we have* none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every
man to your tents, O Israel: *and* now, David, see to thine own
house. So all Israel went to their tents. 'But *as for* the chil- 17
dren of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam

reigned over them. Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram that 18
was over the tribute; and the children of Israel stoned him with
stones, that he died. But king Rehoboam made speed to get
him up to *his* chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. And Israel rebelled 19
against the house of David unto this day.

AND when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he gathered of 11
the house of Judah and Benjamin an hundred and fourscore
thousand chosen *men*, which were warriors, to fight against
Israel, that he might bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. But 2
the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah the man of God, say-
ing, Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, 3
and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, Thus saith the 4
LORD, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: re-
turn every man to his house: for this thing is done of me. And
they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going
against Jeroboam.

AND Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for de- 5
fence in Judah. He built even Beth-lehem, and Etam, and 6
Tekoa, 'and Beth-zur, and Shoco, and Adullam, 'and Gath, and 7,8
Mareshah, and Ziph, 'and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah. 9
'and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which *are* in Judah and 10
in Benjamin, fenced cities. And he fortified the strong holds, and 11
put captains in them, and store of victual, and of oil and wine.
And in every several city *he put* shields and spears, and made 12
them exceeding strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

AND the priests and the Levites that *were* in all Israel resorted 13
to him out of all their coasts. For the Levites left their suburbs 14
and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jer-
oboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's
office unto the LORD: and he ordained him priests for the high 15
places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made.
And after them out of all the tribes of Israel such as set their 16
hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel came to Jerusalem, to
sacrifice unto the LORD God of their fathers. So they strength- 17
ened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of
Solomon strong, three years: for three years they walked in the
way of David and Solomon.

AND Rehoboam took him Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth 18
the son of David to wife, *and* Abihail the daughter of Eliab the
son of Jesse; 'which bare him children; Jeush, and Shamariah, 19
and Zaham. And after her he took Maachah the daughter of 20
Absalom; which bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and She-
lomith. And Rehoboam loved Maachah the daughter of Absa- 21
lom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eigh-
teen wives, and threescore concubines; and begat twenty-and-
eight sons, and threescore daughters.) And Rehoboam made 22
Abijah the son of Maachah the chief, *to be* ruler among his
brethren: for *he thought* to make him king. And he dealt 23
wisely, and dispersed of all his children throughout all the
countries of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and

he gave them victual in abundance. And he desired many wives.

AND it came to pass, when Rehoboam had established the kingdom, and had strengthened himself, he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him. And it came to pass, that in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had transgressed against the LORD, 'with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people *were* without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubims, the Sukkiims, and the Ethiopians. And he took the fenced cities which *pertained* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem. 'Then came Shemaiah the prophet to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, and therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak. Whereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The LORD is righteous. And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; *therefore* I will not destroy them, but I will grant them some deliverance; and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak. Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries. So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all: he carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. Instead of which king Rehoboam made shields of brass, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, that kept the entrance of the king's house. And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and fetched them, and brought them again into the guard-chamber. And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy *him* altogether: and also in Judah things went well.

So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam *was* one-and-forty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name *was* Naamah an Ammonitess. And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD. Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, *are* they not written in the book of Shemaiah the prophet, and of Iddo the seer concerning genealogies? And *there were* wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead.

NOW in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. 'He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Michaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam

And Abijah set the battle in array with an army of valiant men of war, *even* four hundred thousand chosen men: Jeroboam also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, *being* mighty men of valor. And Abijah stood up 4
upon mount Zemaraim, which *is* in mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, thou Jeroboam, and all Israel; ought ye not to know 5
that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, *even* to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon 6
the son of David, is risen up, and hath rebelled against his lord. And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of 7
Belial, and have strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them. And now ye think to withstand 8
the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye *be* a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves, which Jeroboam made you for gods. Have ye not cast out the 9
priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, *the same* may be a priest of *them* that are no gods. But as for us, the LORD *is* our God, and we 10
have not forsaken him; and the priests, which minister unto the LORD, *are* the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business: and they burn unto the LORD every morning and 11
every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense: the show-bread also *set they in order* upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God himself *is* with us for *our* captain, 12
and his priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before 13
Judah, and the ambushment *was* behind them. And when 14
Judah looked back, behold, the battle *was* before and behind: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the 15
men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of 16
Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand. And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: 17
so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that 18
time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers. And Abijah pursued after 19
Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephraim with the towns thereof. Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again 20
in the days of Abijah: and the LORD struck him, and he died. But Abijah waxed mighty, and married fourteen wives, and 21

begat twenty-and-two sons, and sixteen daughters. And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Iddo.

So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. And Asa did *that which was good* and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: for he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and brake down the images, and cut down the groves. and commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years: because the LORD had given him rest. Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about *them* walls, and towers, gates, and bars, *while* the land is yet before us; because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought *him*, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. And Asa had an army of *men* that bare targets and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin. that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these *were* mighty men of valor.

And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian, with an host of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and came unto Mareshah. Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God: for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou *art* our God: let not man prevail against thee. So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. And Asa and the people that *were* with him pursued them unto Gerar: and the Ethiopians were overthrown, that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host: and they carried away very much spoil. And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was exceeding much spoil in them. They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep and camels in abundance, and returned to Jerusalem.

And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him. Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: The LORD *is* with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. Now for a long season Israel *hath been* without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him,

he was found of them. And in those times *there was* no peace 5
to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexa- 6
tions *were* upon all the inhabitants of the countries. And nation 6
was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them
with all adversity. Be ye strong therefore, and let not your 7
hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. And when 8
Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet,
he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all
the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he
had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the 9
LORD, that *was* before the porch of the LORD. And he gath-
tered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out
of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to
him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD
his God *was* with him. So they gathered themselves together 10
at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign
of Asa. And they offered unto the LORD the same time, of the 11
spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven
thousand sheep. And they entered into a covenant to seek the 12
LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their
soul; that whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel 13
should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or
woman. And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, 14
and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And 15
all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their
heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was
found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.
And also *concerning* Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he 16
removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an idol
in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped *it*, and
burnt *it* at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not 17
taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was
perfect all his days. And he brought into the house of God the 18
things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedi-
cated, silver, and gold, and vessels. And there was no *more* war 19
unto the five-and-thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

In the six-and-thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king 16
of Israel came up against Judah, and built Ramah, to the intent
that he might let none go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.
Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the 2
house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-
hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, *There is* a 3
league between me and thee, as *there was* between my father
and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go,
break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may de- 4
part from me. And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and
sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and
they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities
of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard *it*, that 5
he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. Then 6
Asa the king took all Judah: and they carried away the stones

of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha was building; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

AND at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand. Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubims a huge host, with very many chariots and horsemen? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in a prison-house; for *he was* in a rage with him because of this *thing*. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people the same time.

AND, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Asa in the thirty-and-ninth year of his reign was diseased in his feet, until his disease *was* exceeding *great*: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one-and-fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and divers kinds of *spices* prepared by the apothecaries' art: and they made a very great burning for him.

AND Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim; but sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the LORD stablished the kingdom in his hand: and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honor in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD: moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah. Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, *even* to Ben-hail, and to Obadiah, and to Zechariah, and to Nethaneel, and to Michaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah. And with them *he sent* Levites, *even* Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, Levites; and with them Eli-shama and Jehoram, priests. And they taught in Judah, and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught the people.

AND the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that *were* round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. Also *some* of the Philistines brought Je-

hoshaphat presents, and tribute-silver; and the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats. And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles, and cities of store. And he had much business in the cities of Judah; and the men of war, mighty men of valor, *were* in Jerusalem. And these *are* the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers: Of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the chief, and with him mighty men of valor three hundred thousand. And next to him *was* Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and fourscore thousand. And next him *was* Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD; and with him two hundred thousand mighty men of valor. And of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valor, and with him armed men with bow and shield two hundred thousand. And next him *was* Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready prepared for the war. These waited on the king, beside *those* whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab. And after *certain* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that *he had* with him, and persuaded him to go up *with him* to Ramoth-gilead. And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, *I am* as thou *art*, and my people as thy people; and *we will be* with thee in the war. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to-day. Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand. But Jehoshaphat said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him? And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, *There is* yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good unto me, but always evil: the same *is* Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. And the king of Israel called for one of his officers, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in *their* robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one assent; let thy word therefore, I pray thee,

be like one of their's, and speak thou good. And Micaiah said, 13
As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.
And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, 14
Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be
delivered into your hand. And the king said to him, How many 15
times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to
me in the name of the LORD? Then he said, I did see all Israel 16
scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd:
and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return
therefore every man to his house in peace. And the king of 17
Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee *that* he would not
prophesy good unto me, but evil? Again he said, Therefore 18
hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his
throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and
on his left. And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king 19
of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?
And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying
after that manner. Then there came out a spirit, and stood 20
before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD
said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go out, and 21
be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the*
LORD said, Thou shalt entice *him*, and thou shalt also prevail:
go out, and do *even* so. Now therefore, behold, the LORD 22
hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and
the LORD hath spoken evil against thee. Then Zedekiah the 23
son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek,
and said, Which way went the Spirit of the LORD from me to
speak unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on 24
that day when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thy-
self. Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry 25
him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the
king's son; and say, Thus saith the king, Put this *fellow* in the 26
prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of
affliction, until I return in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou 27
certainly return in peace, *then* hath not the LORD spoken by
me. And he said, Hearken, all ye people. 'So the king of Israel 28
and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.
And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise my- 29
self, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So
the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.
Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the 30
chariots that *were* with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or
great, save only with the king of Israel. And it came to pass, 31
when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they
said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about
him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped 32
him; and God moved them to *depart* from him. For it came to
pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it
was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing
him. And a *certain* man drew a bow at a venture, and smote 33

the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn thine hand, that thou mayest carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. And the battle 34 increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed *himself* up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the sun going down, he died.

AND Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in 19 peace to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou 2 help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore *is* wrath upon thee from before the LORD. Nevertheless there 3 are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

AND Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again 4 through the people from Beer-sheba to mount Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD God of their fathers. And 5 he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, 'and said to the judges, Take heed what ye 6 do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD, who *is* with you in the judgment. Wherefore now let the fear of the LORD 7 be upon you; take heed and do *it*: for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts. Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites, and 8 of the priests, and of the chief of the fathers of Israel, for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. And he charged them, saying, Thus shall 9 ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. And what cause soever shall come to you of your brethren 10 that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, ye shall even warn them that they trespass not against the LORD, and so wrath come upon you and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not trespass. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest *is* over 11 you in all matters of the LORD: and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters: also the Levites *shall be* officers before you. Deal courageously, and the LORD shall be with the good.

It came to pass after this also, *that* the children of Moab, and 20 the children of Ammon, and with them *other* beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. Then there came 2 some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea on this side Syria; and, behold, they *be* in Hazazon-tamar, which *is* Engedi. And Je- 3 hoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered 4 themselves together, to ask *help* of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the 5 house of the LORD, before the new court, 'and said, O LORD 6 God of our fathers, *art* not thou God in heaven? and rulest not

thou over all the kingdoms of the heathen? and in thine hand
is there not power and might, so that none is able to withstand
 thee? *Art not* thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants 7
 of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of
 Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have 8
 built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If, *when* evil 9
 cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine,
 we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name
is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou
 wilt hear and help. And now, behold, the children of Ammon 10
 and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel
 invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they
 turned from them, and destroyed them not; behold, *I say, how* 11
 they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which
 thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge 12
 them? for we have no might against this great company that
 cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes
are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the LORD, with 13
 their little ones, their wives, and their children. Then upon 14
 Jahaziel, the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of
 Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, came
 the Spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; and 15
 he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be
 not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for
 the battle *is* not yours, but God's. To-morrow go ye down 16
 against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye
 shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of
 Jeruel. Ye shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*: set yourselves, 17
 stand ye *still*, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O
 Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to-morrow go
 out against them: for the LORD *will be* with you. And Jehosh- 18
 aphot bowed his head with *his* face to the ground: and all Judah
 and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, wor-
 shipping the LORD. And the Levites, of the children of the 19
 Kohathites, and of the children of the Korhites, stood up to
 praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high. And 20
 they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilder-
 ness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and
 said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Be-
 lieve in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe
 his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted 21
 with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that
 should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before
 the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy *endureth*
 for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD 22
 set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and
 mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were
 smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against 23
 the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy *them*:
 and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir,

every one helped to destroy another. And when Judah came 24
toward the watch-tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the
multitude, and, behold, they *were* dead bodies fallen to the earth,
and none escaped. And when Jehoshaphat and his people came 25
to take away the spoil of them, they found among them in abund-
ance both riches with the dead bodies, and precious jewels,
which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could
carry away: and they were three days in gathering of the spoil,
it was so much. And on the fourth day they assembled them- 26
selves in the valley of Berachah: for there they blessed the
LORD: therefore the name of the same place was called, The
valley of Berachah, unto this day. Then they returned, every 27
man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the fore-front
of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had
made them to rejoice over their enemies. And they came to 28
Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house
of the LORD. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of 29
those countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought
against the enemies of Israel. So the realm of Jehoshaphat was 30
quiet: for his God gave him rest round about.

AND Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: *he was* thirty-and-five 31
years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-and-
five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Azubah
the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in the way of Asa his 32
father, and departed not from it, doing *that which was* right in the
sight of the LORD. Howbeit the high places were not taken 33
away: for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto
the God of their fathers. Now the rest of the acts of Jehosha- 34
phat, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of Jehu
the son of Hanani, who *is* mentioned in the book of the kings
of Israel. And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join 35
himself with Ahaziah king of Israel, who did very wickedly:
and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: 36
and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. Then Eliezer the son 37
of Dodavah of Mareshah prophesied against Jehoshaphat, say-
ing, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD
hath broken thy works. And the ships were broken, that they
were not able to go to Tarshish.

NOW Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried 21
with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son
reigned in his stead. And he had brethren the sons of Jehosha- 2
phat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and
Michael, and Shephatiah: all these *were* the sons of Jehosha-
phat king of Israel. And their father gave them great gifts of 3
silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in
Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram; because he *was*
the first-born. Now when Jehoram was risen up to the king- 4
dom of his father, he strengthened himself, and slew all his
brethren with the sword, and *divers* also of the princes of Israel.
Jehoram *was* thirty-and-two years old when he began to reign, 5
and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And, he walked in 6

the way of the kings of Israel, like as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he wrought *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD. Howbeit the LORD 7 would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a light to him and to his sons for ever. In his days the Edomites revolted 8 from under the dominion of Judah, and made themselves a king. Then Jehoram went forth with his princes, and all his chariots 9 with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him in, and the captains of the chariots. So 10 the Edomites revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. The same time *also* did Libnah revolt from under his hand; because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. Moreover he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and 11 caused the inhabitants of Jerusalem to commit fornication, and compelled Judah *thereto*. And there came a writing to him 12 from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, 'but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast 13 made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, *which were* better than thyself: behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy 14 people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: and 15 thou *shalt have* great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day. More- 16 over the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that *were* near the Ethiopians: and 17 they came up into Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons. And after all this the LORD 18 smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. And it 19 came to pass, that in process of time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness: so he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. Thirty-and-two years old was he when 20 he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. Howbeit they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

AND the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Ahaziah his youngest 22 son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned. Forty-and-two years 2 old *was* Ahaziah when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name *also was* Athaliah the daughter of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of 3 Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. Where- 4 fore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors, after the death of his father,

to his destruction. He walked also after their counsel, and went 5
with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against
Hazeel king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians smote
Joram. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel, because of the 6
wounds which were given him at Ramah, when he fought with
Hazeel king of Syria. And Azariah the son of Jehoram king of
Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab at Jezreel,
because he was sick. And the destruction of Ahaziah was of 7
God by coming to Joram: for when he was come, he went out
with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD
had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. And it came to pass, 8
that, when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of
Ahab, and found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren
of Ahaziah, that ministered to Ahaziah, he slew them. And 9
he sought Ahaziah; and they caught him, (for he was hid in Samaria,) and brought him to Jehu: and when they had slain him,
they buried him: Because, said they, he is the son of Jehoshaphat,
who sought the LORD with all his heart.

So the house of Ahaziah had no power to keep still the kingdom. But when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her 10
son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the
house of Judah. But Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, 11
took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him from among the
king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in a bed
chamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the
wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid
him from Athaliah, so that she slew him not. And he was with 12
them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned
over the land.

AND in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, 23
and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroram,
and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed,
and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of
Zichri, into covenant with him. And they went about in Judah, 2
and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the
chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And 3
all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house
of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall
reign, as the LORD hath said of the sons of David. This is the 4
thing that ye shall do; A third part of you entering on the sabbath,
of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the
doors; and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third 5
part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in
the courts of the house of the LORD. But let none come into 6
the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister
of the Levites; they shall go in, for they are holy: but all the
people shall keep the watch of the LORD. And the Levites 7
shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons
in his hand; and whosoever else cometh into the house, he shall
be put to death: but be ye with the king when he cometh in,
and when he goeth out. So the Levites and all Judah did ac- 8

cording to all things that Jehoiada the priest had commanded,
 and took every man his men that were to come in on the sabbath,
 with them that were to go out on the sabbath: for Jehoiada the
 priest dismissed not the courses. Moreover Jehoiada the priest 9
 delivered to the captains of hundreds spears, and bucklers, and
 shields, that *had been* king David's, which *were* in the house of
 God. And he set all the people, every man having his weapon 10
 in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of
 the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round
 about. Then they brought out the king's son, and put upon him 11
 the crown, and *gave him* the testimony, and made him king. And
 Jehoiada and his sons anointed him, and said, God save the king.
 Now when Athaliah heard the noise of the people running and 12
 praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the
 LORD: and she looked, and, behold, the king stood at his pillar 13
 at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king:
 and all the people of the land rejoiced, and sounded with trum-
 pets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as
 taught to sing praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said,
 Treason, Treason! Then Jehoiada the priest brought out the 14
 captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto
 them, Have her forth of the ranges: and whoso followeth her,
 let him be slain with the sword. For the priest said, Slay her not
 in the house of the LORD. So they laid hands on her; and 15
 when she was come to the entering of the horse gate by the
 king's house, they slew her there.

AND Jehoiada made a covenant between him, and between 16
 all the people, and between the king, that they should be the
 LORD'S people. Then all the people went to the house of Baal, 17
 and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces,
 and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. Also Je- 18
 hoiada appointed the officers of the house of the LORD by the
 hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in
 the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt-offerings of the LORD,
 as *it is written* in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with
 singing, as *it was ordained* by David. And he set the porters at 19
 the gates of the house of the LORD, that none *which was* unclean
 in any thing should enter in. And he took the captains of hun- 20
 dreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all
 the people of the land, and brought down the king from the
 house of the LORD: and they came through the high gate into
 the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the king-
 dom. And all the people of the land rejoiced: and the city was 21
 quiet, after that they had slain Athaliah with the sword.

JOASH *was* seven years old when he began to reign, and he 24
 reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was*
 Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Joash did *that which was* right in the 2
 sight of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. And Je- 3
 hoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.
 And it came to pass after this, *that* Joash was minded to repair 4
 the house of the LORD. And he gathered together the priests 5

and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened *it* not. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, *according to the commandment* of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon Baalim. And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD. And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection *that* Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. Now it came to pass, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high-priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to his place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered money in abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD. So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set the house of God in his state, and strengthened it. And when they had finished *it*, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, *even* vessels to minister, and to offer *withal*, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada.

BUT Jehoiada waxed old, and was full of days when he died; an hundred and thirty years old *was he* when he died. And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God, and toward his house.

Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their trespass. Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear. And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest, which stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court

of the house of the LORD. Thus Joash the king remembered 22
not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but
slew his son. And when he died, he said, 'The LORD look
upon it, and require it.

AND it came to pass at the end of the year, *that* the host of 23
Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jeru-
salem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among
the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king of Da-
mascus. For the army of the Syrians came with a small com- 24
pany of men, and the LORD delivered a very great host into
their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their
fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. 'And when 25
they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases.)
his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the sons
of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died:
and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him
not in the sepulchres of the kings. And these are they that con- 26
spired against him; Zabad the son of Shimeath an Ammonitess,
and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith a Moabitess. Now *concerning* 27
his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and
the repairing of the house of God, behold, they *are* written in
the story of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned
in his stead.

AMAZIAH was twenty-and-five years old *when* he began to 25
reign, and he reigned twenty-and-nine years in Jerusalem. And
his mother's name was Jehoaddan of Jerusalem. And he did 2
that which was right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a
perfect heart. Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was 3
established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the
king his father. But he slew not their children, but *did* as it is 4
written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD com-
manded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children,
neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man
shall die for his own sin.

MOREOVER Amaziah gathered Judah together, and made them 5
captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, according
to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benja-
min: and he numbered them from twenty years old and above,
and found them three hundred thousand choice *men*, *able* to go
forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. He hired also 6
an hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for an
hundred talents of silver. But there came a man of God to 7
him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for
the LORD *is* not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of
Ephraim. But if thou wilt go, *do it*, be strong for the battle: 8
God shall make thee fall before the enemy: for God hath power
to help, and to cast down. And Amaziah said to the man of 9
God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have
given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The
LORD is able to give thee much more than this. Then Ama- 10
ziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out

of Ephraim, to go home again : wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger. And Amaziah strengthened himself, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. And *other* ten thousand *left* alive did the children of Judah carry away captive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. But the soldiers of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote three thousand of them, and took much spoil.

Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up *to be* his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. Wherefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of thine hand ? And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that *the king* said unto him, Art thou made of the king's counsel ? forbear ; why shouldst thou be smitten ? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us see one another in the face. And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that *was* in Lebanon sent to the cedar that *was* in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife : and there passed by a wild beast that *was* in Lebanon, and trode down the thistle. Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten the Edomites ; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast : abide now at home : why shouldst thou meddle to *thine* hurt, that thou shouldst fall, *even* thou, and Judah with thee ? But Amaziah would not hear : for it *came* of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of *their* enemies, because they sought after the gods of Edom. So Joash the king of Israel went up ; and they saw one another in the face, *both* he and Amaziah king of Judah, at Beth-shemesh, which *belongeth* to Judah. And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and they fled every man to his tent. And Joash the king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash, the son of Jehoahaz, at Beth-shemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. And *he took* all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

AND Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, *are* they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel ? Now

after the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the LORD, they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: and he fled to Lachish: but they sent to Lachish after him, and slew him there. And they brought him upon horses, and buried him 25 with his fathers in the city of Judah.

THEN all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who *was* sixteen 26 years old, and made him king in the room of his father Amaziah. He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the 2 king slept with his fathers. Sixteen years old *was* Uzziah when 3 he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-and-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And 4 he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah did. And he sought God in the 5 days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to prosper. And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake 6 down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod, and built cities about Ashdod, and among the Philistines. And God helped him against the Philistines, and against 7 the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Mehunims. And 8 the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad *even* to the entering in of Egypt; for he strengthened *himself* exceedingly. Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jeru- 9 salem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. Also he built towers in 10 the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen *also*, and vine-dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry. Moreover Uzziah had an host of fighting men, that 11 went out to war by bands, according to the number of their account by the hand of Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the ruler, under the hand of Hananiah, *one* of the king's captains. The 12 whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of valor *were* two thousand and six hundred. And under their hand 13 *was* an army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them through- 14 out all the host shields, and spears, and helmets, and habergeons, and bows, and slings *to cast* stones. And he made in Jerusalem 15 engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the bulwarks, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he 16 *was* strong. But when he *was* strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, 17 and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, *that were* valiant men: and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, *It* 18 *appertaineth* not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast tres-

passed; neither *shall it be* for thine honor from the LORD God. Then Uzziah was wroth, and *had* a censer in his hand to burn 19 incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. And Azariah the 20 chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he *was* leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out from thence; yea, himself hasted also to go out, because the LORD had smitten him. And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the 21 day of his death, and dwelt in a several house, *being* a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son *was* over the king's house, judging the people of the land. Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the 22 prophet, the son of Amoz, write. So Uzziah slept with his fathers, 23 and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings; for they said, He *is* a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

JOTHAM *was* twenty-and-five years old when he began to 27 reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also *was* Jerushah, the daughter of Zadok. And he did 2 *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah did: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. 'He 3 built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. Moreover he built cities in the moun- 4 tains of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. He fought also with the king of the Ammonites, and prevailed 5 against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon pay unto him, both the second year, and the third. 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God. Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and 7 all his wars, and his ways, lo, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. He was five-and-twenty years 8 old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him 9 in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

AHAZ *was* twenty years old when he began to reign, and 28 he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: but he did not *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father: for 2 he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the 3 valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. He sacrificed also and 4 burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. Wherefore the LORD his God delivered him 5 into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of

the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. For 6
Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and
twenty thousand in one day, *which were* all valiant men: because
they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. And Zichri, 7
a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king's son, and
Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah *that was* next
to the king. And the children of Israel carried away captive of 8
their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daugh-
ters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the
spoil to Samaria. But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose 9
name *was* Oded: and he went out before the host that came to
Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the LORD God
of your fathers was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them
into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage *that* reacheth
up unto heaven. And now ye purpose to keep under the chil- 10
dren of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto
you: *but are there* not with you, even with you, sins against the
LORD your God? Now hear me therefore, and deliver the cap- 11
tives again, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for
the fierce wrath of the LORD *is* upon you. Then certain of the 12
heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan,
Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of
Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them
that came from the war, and said unto them, Ye shall not bring 13
in the captives hither: for whereas we have offended against
the LORD *already*, ye intend to add *more* to our sins and to our
trespass: for our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath
against Israel. So the armed men left the captives and the spoil 14
before the princes and all the congregation. And the men which 15
were expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and
with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and ar-
rayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink,
and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon
asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm-trees, to their
brethren: then they returned to Samaria. At that time did king 16
Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. For again 17
the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away
captives. The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low 18
country, and of the south of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh,
and Ajalon, and Gederoth, and Shchocho with the villages thereof,
and Timnah with the villages thereof, Gimzo also and the villages
thereof: and they dwelt there. For the LORD brought Judah 19
low because of Ahaz king of Israel: for he made Judah naked,
and transgressed sore against the LORD. And Tilgath-pilneser 20
king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strength-
ened him not. For Ahaz took away a portion *out* of the house 21
of the LORD, and *out* of the house of the king, and of the
princes, and gave *it* unto the king of Assyria: but he helped him
not. And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more 22
against the LORD: *this is that* king Ahaz. For he sacrificed 23
unto the gods of Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Be-

cause the gods of the kings of Syria help them, *therefore* will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD, and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers. Now the rest of his acts, and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they *are* written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, *even* in Jerusalem: but they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

HEZEKIAH began to reign *when he was* five-and-twenty years old, and he reigned nine-and-twenty years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name *was* Abijah, the daughter of Zechariah. And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street, and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites: sanctify now yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. For our fathers have trespassed, and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and turned *their* backs. Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to trouble, to astonishment, and to hissing, as ye see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives *are* in captivity for this. Now *it is* in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to serve him, and that ye should minister unto him, and burn incense. Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehalelel: and of the Gershonites; Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of Joah: and of the sons of Elizaphan; Shimri, and Jeiel: and of the sons of Asaph; Zechariah, and Mattaniah: and of the sons of Heman; Jehiel, and Shimei: and of the sons of Jeduthun; Shemaiah, and Uzziel. And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of the LORD. And the priests went into the inner

part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse *it*, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD, into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it*, to carry *it* out abroad into the brook Kidron. Now 17 they began on the first *day* of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD: so they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days; and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. Then they went in to Hezekiah the king, and said, We have 18 cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the show-bread table, with all the vessels thereof. Moreover all the vessels, which 19 king Ahaz in his reign did cast away in his transgression, have we prepared and sanctified, and, behold, they *are* before the altar of the LORD.

THEN Hezekiah the king rose early, and gathered the rulers 20 of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. And they 21 brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin-offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD. So they 22 killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the altar: likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. And 23 they brought forth the he-goats *for* the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: and the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with 24 their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded *that* the burnt-offering and the sin-offering *should be made* for all Israel. And he set the Levites in 25 the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for *so was* the commandment of the LORD by his prophets. And the Levites stood with 26 the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. And 27 Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of the LORD began *also* with the trumpets, and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. And all the congregation worshipped, and 28 the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded: *and all this continued* until the burnt-offering was finished. And when they 29 had made an end of offering, the king and all *that were* present with him bowed themselves and worshipped. Moreover Heze- 30 kiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. Then Hezekiah answered and 31 said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank-

offerings; and as many as were of a free heart burnt-offerings. And the number of the burnt-offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these *were* for a burnt-offering to the LORD. And the consecrated things *were* six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. But the priests were too few, so that they could not slay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the *other* priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites *were* more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. And also the burnt-offerings *were* in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings for *every* burnt-offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was *done* suddenly.

AND Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem: for they had not done *it* of a long time in such sort as it was written. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to desolation, as ye see. Now be ye not stiff-necked, as your fathers *were*, but yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever: and serve the LORD your God, that the fierceness of his wrath may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children *shall find* compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn away *his* face from you, if ye return unto him. So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word

of the LORD. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people 13
 to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a
 very great congregation. And they arose, and took away the 14
 altars that *were* in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense took
 they away, and cast *them* into the brook Kidron. Then they 15
 killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the second month:
 and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified
 themselves, and brought in the burnt-offerings into the house of
 the LORD. And they stood in their place after their manner, 16
 according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests
 sprinkled the blood, *which they received* of the hand of the Le-
 vites. For *there were* many in the congregation that were not 17
 sanctified: therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing
 of the passovers for every one *that was* not clean, to sanctify *them*
 unto the LORD. For a multitude of the people, *even* many of 18
 Ephraim, and Manasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed
 themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it was
 written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The good
 LORD pardon every one *that* prepareth his heart to seek God, 19
 the LORD God of his fathers, though *he be* not *cleansed* according
 to the purification of the sanctuary. And the LORD hearkened 20
 to Hezekiah, and healed the people. And the children of Israel 21
that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened
 bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the
 priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with loud instru-
 ments unto the LORD. And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto 22
 all the Levites that taught the good knowledge of the LORD:
 and they did eat throughout the feast seven days, offering
 peace-offerings, and making confession to the LORD God of
 their fathers.

AND the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven 23
 days: and they kept *other* seven days with gladness. For Heze- 24
 kiah king of Judah did give to the congregation a thousand bul-
 locks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the
 congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep; and
 a great number of priests sanctified themselves. And all the 25
 congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and
 all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers
 that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, re-
 joiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time 26
 of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like
 in Jerusalem. Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed 27
 the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came
 up to his holy dwelling-place, *even* unto heaven. Now when 31
 all this was finished, all Israel *that were* present went out to the
 cities of Judah, and brake the images in pieces, and cut down
 the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out
 of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh,
 until they had utterly destroyed them all. Then all the children
 of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own
 cities.

AND Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD. *He appointed* also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, *to wit*, for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the LORD. Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might be encouraged in the law of the LORD. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all *things* brought they in abundantly. And *concerning* the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were consecrated unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* by heaps. In the third month *thy* began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished *them* in the seventh month. And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest of the house of Zadok answered him, and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left *is* this great store. Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and they prepared *them*, and brought in the offerings and the tithes and the dedicated *things* faithfully: over which Cononiah the Levite *was* ruler, and Shimei his brother *was* the next. And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, *were* overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter toward the east, *was* over the freewill-offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most holy things. And next him *were* Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small: beside their genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, *even* unto every one that entereth into the house of the LORD, his daily portion for their service, in their charges according to their courses; both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their courses; and to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their set office they sanctified themselves in

holiness: also of the sons of Aaron the priests, *which were* in the 19
fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, the men
that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males
among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogies
among the Levites. And thus did Hezekiah throughout all 20
Judah, and wrought *that which was* good and right and truth be-
fore the LORD his God. And in every work that he began in 21
the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the com-
mandments, to seek his God, he did *it* with all his heart, and
prospered.

AFTER these things, and the establishment *thereof*, Sennacherib 32
king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped
against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself.
And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that 2
he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, he took counsel with 3
his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the foun-
tains which *were* without the city: and they did help him. So 4
there was gathered much people together, who stopped all the
fountains, and the brook that ran through the midst of the land,
saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much
water? Also he strengthened himself, and built up all the wall 5
that was broken, and raised *it* up to the towers, and another wall
without, and repaired Millo *in* the city of David, and made darts
and shields in abundance. And he set captains of war over 6
the people, and gathered them together to him in the street of
the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, Be 7
strong and courageous, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king
of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that *is* with him: for *there*
be more with us than with him: with him *is* an arm of flesh; 8
but with us *is* the LORD our God to help us, and to fight our
battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of
Hezekiah king of Judah. After this did Sennacherib king of 9
Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (but he *himself laid siege*
against Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah
king of Judah, and unto all Judah that *were* at Jerusalem, saying,
'Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, 10
that ye abide in the siege in Jerusalem? Doth not Hezekiah 11
persuade you to give over yourselves to die by famine and by
thirst, saying, The LORD our God shall deliver us out of the
hand of the king of Assyria? Hath not the same Hezekiah taken 12
away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and
Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and burn
incense upon it? Know ye not what I and my fathers have 13
done unto all the people of *other* lands? were the gods of the
nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of
mine hand? Who *was there* among all the gods of those nations 14
that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people
out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you
out of mine hand? Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, 15
nor persuade you on this manner, neither yet believe him: for no
god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out

of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of mine hand? And his servants spake yet *more* against the LORD God, and against his servant Hezekiah. He wrote also letters to rail on the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of *other* lands have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of mine hand. Then they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem that *were* on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them: that they might take the city. And they spake against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the people of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man. And for this *cause* Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven. And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword. Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *other*, and guided them on every side. And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

In those days Hezekiah was sick to the death, and prayed unto the LORD: and he spake unto him, and he gave him a sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit *done* unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, *both* he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he made himself treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; store-houses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much. This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper water-course of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. Howbeit in the *business* of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all *that was* in his heart.

Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his goodness, behold, they *are* written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, and in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the

chiefest of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honor at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

MANASSEH was twelve years old when he began to reign, **33**
 and he reigned fifty-and-five years in Jerusalem: but did *that* **2**
which was evil in the sight of the LORD, like unto the abomina-
 tions of the heathen, whom the LORD had cast out before the
 children of Israel. For he built again the high places which **3**
 Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he reared up altars
 for Baalim, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of
 heaven, and served them. Also he built altars in the house of **4**
 the LORD, whereof the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall my
 name be for ever. And he built altars for all the host of heaven **5**
 in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he caused **6**
 his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of
 Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and
 used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with
 wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to
 provoke him to anger. And he set a carved image, the idol **7**
 which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had
 said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jeru-
 salem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will
 I put my name for ever: neither will I any more remove the **8**
 foot of Israel from out of the land which I have appointed for
 your fathers: so that they will take heed to do all that I have
 commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes
 and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. So Manasseh made **9**
 Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, *and* to do worse
 than the heathen, whom the LORD had destroyed before the
 children of Israel. And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to **10**
 his people: but they would not hearken. Wherefore the LORD **11**
 brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of As-
 syria, which took Manasseh among the thorns, and bound him
 with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he was **12**
 in affliction, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled him-
 self greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto him: **13**
 and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and
 brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manas-
 seh knew that the LORD he *was* God. Now after this he built **14**
 a wall without the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in
 the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate, and com-
 passed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height, and
 put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. And he **15**
 took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the
 LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the
 house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and cast *them* out of the
 city. And he repaired the altar of the LORD, and sacrificed **16**
 thereon peace-offerings and thank-offerings, and commanded
 Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. Nevertheless the **17**
 people did sacrifice still in the high places, *yet* unto the LORD
 their God only. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his **18**

prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they *are written* in the book of the kings of Israel. His prayer also, and *how God* was intreated of him, and all his sins, and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled: behold, they *are written* among the sayings of the seers. So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

AMON *was* two-and-twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned two years in Jerusalem. But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: for Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them; and humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but Amon trespassed more and more. And his servants conspired against him, and slew him in his own house. But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

JOSIAH *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one-and-thirty years. And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined *neither* to the right hand, nor to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that *were* on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strewed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. And so *did he* in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about. And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. And when they came to Hilkiah the high-priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem. And they put it in the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD, and they gave it to the workmen

that wrought in the house of the LORD, to repair and amend the house: even to the artificers and builders gave they *it*, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to floor the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them *were* Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set *it* forward; and *other of* the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of music. Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and *were* overseers of all that wrought the work in any manner of service: and of the Levites *there were* scribes, and officers, and porters.

AND when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found a book of the law of the LORD *given* by Moses. And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do *it*. And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. Then Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath given me a book. And Shaphan read *it* before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book. And Hilkiah, and *they* that the king *had appointed*, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college :) and they spake to her to that *effect*. And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that sent you to me, 'Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes,

and weep before me; I have even heard *thee* also, saith the LORD. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt 28 be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

THEN the king sent and gathered together all the elders of 29 Judah and Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of 30 the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood in his place, and made a cove- 31 nant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. And he caused all 32 that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. And Josiah took away all the 33 abominations out of all the countries that *pertained* to the children of Israel, and made all that were present in Israel to serve, *even* to serve the LORD their God. And all his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

MOREOVER Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusa-35 lem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth *day* of the first month. And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD, 'and 2 said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD. Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build: *it shall not be* a burden upon *your* shoulders: serve now the LORD your God, and his 3 people Israel, 'and prepare *yourselves* by the houses of your 4 fathers, after your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the 5 families of the fathers of your brethren the people, and *after* the divisions of the families of the Levites. So kill the passover, 6 and sanctify yourselves, and prepare your brethren, that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. And Josiah gave to the people, of the flock, lambs and 7 kids, all for the passover-offerings, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks; these *were* of the king's substance. And his princes gave will- 8 ingly unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites: Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, and three hundred oxen. Conaniah also, and 9 Shemaiah and Nethaneel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for passover-offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and five hundred 10 oxen. So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their

place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment. And they killed the passover, and the priests 11 sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites flayed *them*. And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so 12 *did they* with the oxen. And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: but the *other* holy offerings sod 13 they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* speedily among all the people. And afterward they made ready 14 for themselves, and for the priests: because the priests the sons of Aaron *were busied* in offering of burnt-offerings and the fat until night; therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of Aaron. And the singers the sons of 15 Asaph *were* in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters *waited* at every gate: they might not depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them. So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to 16 keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah. And 17 the children of Israel *that were* present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the 18 days of Samuel the prophet: neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah 19 was this passover kept.

AFTER all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Necho 20 king of Egypt came up to fight against Charchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of 21 Judah? *I come* not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war: for God commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from *meddling with* God, who *is* with me, that he destroy thee not. Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face 22 from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Necho from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Megiddo. And the 23 archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. His servants therefore 24 took him out of that chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had; and they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in *one of* the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. And Jeremiah la- 25 mented for Josiah: and all the singing men and the singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations to this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they *are* written in the lamentations. Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his 26 goodness, according to *that which* was written in the law of the

LORD, 'and his deeds, first and last, behold, they *are* written in 27
the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

THEN the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, **36**
and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. Jehoahaz 2
was twenty-and-three years old when he began to reign, and he
reigned three months in Jerusalem. And the king of Egypt put 3
him down at Jerusalem, and condemned the land in an hundred
talents of silver and a talent of gold. And the king of Egypt 4
made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and
turned his name to Jehoiakim. And Necho took Jehoahaz his
brother, and carried him to Egypt.

JEHOIAKIM *was* twenty-and-five years old when he began to 5
reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did
that which was evil in the sight of the LORD his God. Against 6
him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him
in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried 7
of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put
them in his temple at Babylon. Now the rest of the acts of 8
Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which
was found in him, behold, they *are* written in the book of the
kings of Israel and Judah: and Jehoiachin his son reigned in his
stead.

JEHOIACHIN *was* eight years old when he began to reign, and 9
he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did
that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. And when the 10
year was expired, king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him
to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD,
and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.
Zedekiah *was* one-and-twenty years old when he began to reign, 11
and reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did *that which* 12
was evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* humbled not
himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of
the LORD. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, 13
who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck,
and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of
Israel. Moreover all the chief of the priests, and the people, 14
transgressed very much after all the abominations of the heathen;
and polluted the house of the LORD which he had hallowed
in Jerusalem. And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them 15
by his messengers, rising up betimes, and sending; because he
had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place: but 16
they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and
misused his prophets, until the wrath of the LORD arose against
his people, till *there was* no remedy. Therefore he brought upon 17
them the king of the Chaldees, who slew their young men with
the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion
upon young man or maiden, old man, or him that stooped for
age: he gave *them* all into his hand. And all the vessels of the 18
house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of
the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all
these he brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, 19

and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to 20 Babylon; where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: to fulfil the word of the 21 LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.

Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of 22 the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, 23 All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD God of heaven given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? The LORD his God *be* with him, and let him go up.

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NOW in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word 1 of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, saying, 'Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD 2 God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all his people? 3 his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which *is* in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel, (he *is* the God,) which *is* in Jerusalem. And whosoever remaineth 4 in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill-offering for the house of God that *is* in Jerusalem. Then rose up the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests and the Levites, with all *them* whose spirit God had raised, to go up to build the house of the LORD which *is* in Jerusalem. And all they that *were* about them 5 strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all *that* was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the 6 vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of his gods; even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by 7 the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. And this *is* the number of 8 them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives, thirty basons of gold, silver basons of a 10

second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with them of the captivity that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

Now these are the children of the province that went up out of the captivity, of those which had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; ' which came with Zerubbabel: Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mizpar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the people of Israel: ' the children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred seventy and two. The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy and two. The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy and five. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty and five. The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two. The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three. The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty and two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. 'The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. 'The children of Adin, four hundred fifty and four. The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and three. The children of Jorah, an hundred and twelve. The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty and three. 'The children of Gibbar, ninety and five. 'The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and three. The men of Netophah, fifty and six. The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. The children of Azmaveth, forty and two. The children of Kirjath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. The children of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two. The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty and three. The children of Nebo, fifty and two. 'The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six. 'The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. 'The children of Harim, three hundred and twenty. 'The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. The children of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty.

THE priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy and three. The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and seven. The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. The Levites: the children of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy and four. The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred twenty and eight. The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the chil-

dren of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, *in all an hundred thirty and nine.*

THE Nethinims: the children of Ziha, the children of Ha- 43
supha, the children of Tabbaoth, 'the children of Keros, the 44
children of Siaha, the children of Padon, 'the children of Le- 45
banah, the children of Hagabah, the children of Akkub, 'the 46
children of Hagab, the children of Shalmal, the children of
Hanan, 'the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the chil- 47
dren of Reaiah, 'the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, 48
the children of Gazzam, 'the children of Uzza, the children of 49
Paseah, the children of Besai, 'the children of Asnah, the chil- 50
dren of Mehunim, the children of Nephusim, 'the children of 51
Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, 'the 52
children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of
Harsha, 'the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the chil- 53
dren of Thamah, 'the children of Neziah, the children of Ha- 54
tipha. The children of Solomon's servants: the children of 55
Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda, 'the 56
children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Gid-
del, 'the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the chil- 57
dren of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of Ami. All the 58
Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's servants, *were three*
hundred ninety and two.

AND these *were* they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel- 59
harsa, Cherub, Addan, *and* Immer: but they could not show
their father's house, and their seed, whether they *were* of Israel:
the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of 60
Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. And of the children of the
priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Koz, the chil- 61
dren of Barzillai: which took a wife of the daughters of Bar-
zillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name: these 62
sought their register *among* those that were reckoned by gene-
alogy, but they were not found: therefore were they, as polluted,
put from the priesthood. And the Tirshatha said unto them, 63
that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood
up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

THE whole congregation together *was* forty and two thousand 64
three hundred *and* threescore, beside their servants and their 65
maids, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty
and seven: and *there were* among them two hundred singing
men and singing women. Their horses *were* seven hundred 66
thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; 'their 67
camels, four hundred thirty and five; *their* asses, six thousand
seven hundred and twenty.

AND some of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the 68
house of the LORD which *is* at Jerusalem, offered freely for the
house of God to set it up in his place: they gave after their 69
ability unto the treasure of the work threescore and one thou-
sand drams of gold, and five thousand pound of silver, and one
hundred priests' garments. So the priests, and the Levites, and 70

some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.

AND when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as *it is* written in the law of Moses the man of God. And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto the LORD, *even* burnt-offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as *it is* written, and offered the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; and afterward offered the continual burnt-offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD, that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill-offering unto the LORD. From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid. They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel. And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because *he is* good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy; so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded the temple unto the LORD God of Israel; then they came to Zerubbabel, and to the chief of the fathers, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye *do*; and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assur, which brought us up hither. But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, 'and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. And in the reign of Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they *unto him* an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Ta-beel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter *was* written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, in this sort: then *wrote* Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Susanchites, the Dehavites, *and* the Elamites, 'and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Asnapper brought over, and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest *that are* on this side the river, and at such a time. This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto him, *even* unto Artaxerxes the king: Thy servants the men on this side the river, and at such a time. Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee to us are come unto Jerusalem, building the rebellious and the bad city, and have set up the walls *thereof*, and joined the foundations. Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls set up *again, then* will they not pay toll, tribute, and custom, and so thou shalt endamage the revenue of the kings. Now because we have maintenance from *the king's* palace, and it was not meet for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and certified the king; that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city *is* a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause was this city destroyed. We certify the king that, if this city be builded *again*, and the walls thereof set up, by this means ihou shalt have no portion on this side the river. *Then* sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and *unto* the rest beyond the river, Peace, and at such a time. The letter

which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and *that* rebellion and sedition have been made therein. There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all *countries* beyond the river; and toll, tribute, and custom, was paid unto them. Give ye now commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until *another* commandment shall be given from me. Take heed now that ye fail not to do this: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings? Now when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

THEN the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem: and with them *were* the prophets of God helping them. At the same time came to them Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who hath commanded you to build this house, and to make up this wall? Then said we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, that they could not cause them to cease, till the matter came to Darius: and then they returned answer by letter concerning this *matter*.

THE copy of the letter that Tatnai, governor on this side the river, and Shethar-boznai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which *were* on this side the river, sent unto Darius the king: they sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the king, all peace. Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth fast on, and prospereth in their hands. Then asked we those elders, *and* said unto them thus, Who commanded you to build this house, and to make up these walls? We asked their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that *were* the chief of them. And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and set up. But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, *the same* king Cyrus made

a decree to build this house of God. And the vessels also of gold 14
 and silver of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out
 of the temple that *was* in Jerusalem, and brought them into the
 temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the tem-
 ple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one* whose name 15
was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; and said unto
 him, Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple that *is*
 in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be builded in his place.
 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, *and* laid the foundation of 16
 the house of God which *is* in Jerusalem: and since that time
 even until now hath it been in building, and *yet* it is not finished.
 Now therefore, if *it seem* good to the king, let there be search 17
 made in the king's treasure-house, which *is* there at Babylon,
 whether it be *so*, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to
 build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his
 pleasure to us concerning this matter.

THEN Darius the king made a decree, and search was made 6
 in the house of the rolls, where the treasures were laid up in
 Babylon. And there was found at Achmetha, in the palace that 2
is in the province of the Medes, a roll, and therein *was* a record
 thus written: In the first year of Cyrus the king, *the same* Cyrus 3
 the king made a decree *concerning* the house of God at Jerusa-
 lem, Let the house be builded, the place where they offered
 sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the
 height thereof threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof three-
 score cubits; *with* three rows of great stones, and a row of new 4
 timber: and let the expenses be given out of the king's house:
 and also let the golden and silver vessels of the house of God, 5
 which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which *is* at
 Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought
 again unto the temple which *is* at Jerusalem, *every one* to his
 place, and place *them* in the house of God. Now *therefore*, 6
 Tatnai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-boznai, and your
 companions the Apharsachites, which *are* beyond the river, be 7
 ye far from thence: let the work of this house of God alone; let
 the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this 8
 house of God in his place. Moreover I make a decree what ye
 shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house 9
 of God: that of the king's goods, *even* of the tribute beyond the
 river, forthwith expenses be given unto these men, that they be
 not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young 10
 bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for the burnt-offerings of the God
 of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the appoint-
 ment of the priests which *are* at Jerusalem, let it be given them
 day by day without fail: that they may offer sacrifices of sweet 11
 savors unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king,
 and of his sons. Also I have made a decree, that whosoever 12
 shall alter this word, let timber be pulled down from his house,
 and being set up, let him be hanged thereon; and let his house
 be made a dunghill for this. And the God that hath caused his
 name to dwell there destroy all kings and people, that shall put

to their hand to alter *and* to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with speed. Then Tatnai, governor on this side the river, Shethar- 13
boznai, and their companions, according to that which Darius the king had sent, so they did speedily. And the elders of the 14
Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was 15
finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king.

AND the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and 16
the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, and offered at the dedication of this 17
house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. And they set 18
the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses. And the children of the captivity kept 19
the passover upon the fourteenth *day* of the first month. For the 20
priests and the Levites were purified together, all of them *were* pure, and killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the 21
children of Israel, which were come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat, and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with 22
joy: for the LORD had made them joyful, and turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

NOW after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of 7
Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, ' the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 2
' the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, ' the 3,4
son of Zerariah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, ' the son of 5
Abishua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest: this Ezra went up from Babylon; and he 6
was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. And there 7
went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinims, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which *was* in the 8
seventh year of the king. For upon the first *day* of the first 9
month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first *day* of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. For Ezra had prepared his heart 10
to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach in Israel

statutes and judgments. Now this *is* the copy of the letter that 11
the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, *even* a
scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of
his statutes to Israel. Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the 12
priest, a scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect *peace*,
and at such a time: I make a decree, that all they of the people 13
of Israel, and of his priests and Levites, in my realm, which are
minded of their own freewill to go up to Jerusalem, go with
thee. Forasmuch as thou art sent of the king, and of his seven 14
counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, ac-
cording to the law of thy God which *is* in thine hand; and to 15
carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors
have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation *is*
in Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou canst find in 16
all the province of Babylon, with the freewill-offering of the
people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their
God which *is* in Jerusalem: that thou mayest buy speedily with 17
this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meat-offerings and
their drink-offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house
of your God which *is* in Jerusalem. And whatsoever shall 18
seem good to thee, and to thy brethren, to do with the rest of
the silver and the gold, that do after the will of your God. The 19
vessels also that are given thee for the service of the house of
thy God, *those* deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. And 20
whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God,
which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow *it* out of the
king's treasure-house. And I, *even* I, Artaxerxes the king, do 21
make a decree to all the treasurers which *are* beyond the river,
that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the
God of heaven, shall require of you, it be done speedily, 'unto 22
an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of
wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred
baths of oil, and salt without prescribing *how much*. Whatsoever 23
is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done
for the house of the God of heaven: for why should there be
wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? Also we 24
certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, singers,
porters, Nethinims, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not
be lawful to impose toll, tribute, or custom, upon them. And 25
thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God, that *is* in thine hand,
set magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that
are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God;
and teach ye them that know *them* not. And whosoever will 26
not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment
be executed speedily upon him, whether *it be* unto death, or to
banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.
Blessed *be* the LORD God of our fathers, which hath put *such a* 27
thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the
LORD which *is* in Jerusalem: and hath extended mercy unto 28
me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's
mighty princes. And I was strengthened as the hand of the

LORD my God *was* upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

THESE *are* now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king. Of the sons of Phinehas; Gershom: of the sons of Ithamar; Daniel: of the sons of David; Hattush. Of the sons of Shechaniah, of the sons of Pharosh; Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred and fifty. Of the sons of Pahath-moab; Elihoenai the son of Zerariah, and with him two hundred males. Of the sons of Shechaniah; the son of Jahaziel, and with him three hundred males. Of the sons also of Adin; Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. And of the sons of Elam; Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah, and with him seventy males. And of the sons of Shephatiah; Zebadiah the son of Michael, and with him fourscore males. Of the sons of Joab; Obadiah the son of Jehiel, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. And of the sons of Shelomith; the son of Josiphiah, and with him an hundred and threescore males. And of the sons of Bebai; Zechariah the son of Bebai, and with him twenty-and-eight males. And of the sons of Azgad; Johanan the son of Hakkatan, and with him an hundred and ten males. And of the last sons of Adonikam, whose names *are* these, Eliphelet, Jeiel, and Shemaiah, and with them threescore males. Of the sons also of Bigvai; Uthai, and Zabbud, and with them seventy males.

AND I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there abode we in tents three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, men of understanding. And I sent them with commandment unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia, and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, *and* to his brethren the Nethinims, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, eighteen; and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; also of the Nethinims, whom David and the princes had appointed for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinims: all of them were expressed by name. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river of Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to seek of him a right way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God *is* upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath *is* against all them that forsake him. So we fasted and be-

sought our God for this: and he was intreated of us. Then I 24
 separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Sherebiah, Hasha-
 biah, and ten of their brethren with them, and weighed unto 25
 them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, *even* the offering
 of the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors,
 and his lords, and all Israel *there* present, had offered: I even 26
 weighed unto their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver,
 and silver vessels an hundred talents, *and* of gold an hundred
 talents; also twenty basons of gold, of a thousand drams; and 27
 two vessels of fine copper, precious as gold. And I said unto 28
 them, Ye *are* holy unto the LORD; the vessels *are* holy also;
 and the silver and the gold *are* a freewill-offering unto the LORD
 God of your fathers. Watch ye, and keep *them*, until ye weigh 29
them before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and chief
 of the fathers of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the
 house of the LORD. So took the priests and the Levites the 30
 weight of the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, to bring *them*
 to Jerusalem unto the house of our God. Then we departed 31
 from the river of Abaya on the twelfth *day* of the first month,
 to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us,
 and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and of such
 as lay in wait by the way. And we came to Jerusalem, and 32
 abode there three days.

Now on the fourth day was the silver and the gold and the 33
 vessels weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Mere-
 moth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him *was* Eleazar the
 son of Phinehas; and with them *was* Jozabad the son of Jeshua,
 and Noadiah the son of Binnui, Levites; by number *and* by 34
 weight of every one: and all the weight was written at that
 time. *Also* the children of those that had been carried away, 35
 which were come out of the captivity, offered burnt-offerings
 unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety-and-
 six rams, seventy-and-seven lambs, twelve he-goats *for* a sin-
 offering: all *this was* a burnt-offering unto the LORD. And they 36
 delivered the king's commissions unto the king's lieutenants, and
 to the governors on this side the river: and they furthered the
 people, and the house of God.

Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, 2
 saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites,
 have not separated themselves from the people of the lands,
doing according to their abominations, *even* of the Canaanites,
 the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the
 Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken 2
 of their daughters for themselves, and for their sons: so that the
 holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of *those*
 lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath been chief
 in this trespass. And when I heard this thing, I rent my gar-
 ment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head, and
 of my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled 4
 unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of
 Israel, because of the transgression of those that had been car-

ried away; and I sat astonied until the evening sacrifice. And 5
at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and
having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees,
and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God, 'and said, 6
O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee,
my God: for our iniquities are increased over *our* head, and our
trespass is grown up unto the heavens. Since the days of our 7
fathers *have we been* in a great trespass unto this day; and for
our iniquities have we, our kings, *and* our priests, been delivered
into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity
and to a spoil, and to confusion of face, as *it is* this day. And 8
now for a little space grace hath been *showed* from the LORD
our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail
in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give
us a little reviving in our bondage. For we *were* bondmen; yet 9
our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended
mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a
reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the deso-
lations thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.
And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have 10
forsaken thy commandments, which thou hast commanded by 11
thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go
to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people
of the lands, with their abominations, which have filled it from
one end to another with their uncleanness. Now therefore give 12
not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters
unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth for ever:
that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave 13
it for an inheritance to your children for ever. And after all that 13
is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great trespass,
seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities
deserve, and hast given us *such* deliverance as this; should we 14
again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the
people of these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with
us till thou hadst consumed *us*, so that *there should be* no rem-
nant nor escaping? O LORD God of Israel, thou *art* righteous: 15
for we remain yet escaped, as *it is* this day: behold, we *are* be-
fore thee in our trespasses: for we cannot stand before thee
because of this.

Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, 10
weeping and casting himself down before the house of God,
there assembled unto him out of Israel a very great congreg-
ation of men and women and children: for the people wept
very sore. And Shechaniah the son of Jehiel, *one* of the sons of 2
Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against
our God, and have taken strange wives of the people of the
land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. Now 3
therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all
the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the coun-
sel of my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment
of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Arise; 4

for *this* matter *belongeth* unto thee: we also *will be* with thee: be of good courage, and do *it*. Then arose Ezra, and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore. Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Johanan the son of Eliashib: and *when* he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the transgression of them that had been carried away. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem: and that whosoever would not come within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of those that had been carried away. Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It *was* the ninth month, and the twentieth *day* of the month: and all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for the great rain. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have transgressed, and have taken strange wives, to increase the trespass of Israel. Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said, so must we do. But the people *are* many, and *it is* a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither *is this* a work of one day or two: for we are many that have transgressed in this thing. Let now our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all them which have taken strange wives in our cities come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter be turned from us. Only Jonathan the son of Asahel, and Jahaziah the son of Tikvah, were employed about *this matter*: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. And the children of the captivity did so.

AND Ezra the priest, *with* certain chief of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated, and sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And they made an end with all the men that had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month. And among the sons of the priests there were found that had taken strange wives: *namely*, of the sons of Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren; Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives; and *being* guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their trespass. And of the sons of Immer; Hanani, and Zebadiah. And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziiah. And of the sons of Pashur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethaneel, Jozabad, and Elasah. Also of the Levites, Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah,

(the same is Kelita.) Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. Of the 24
singers also; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem,
and Uri. Moreover of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, 25
and Jeziah, and Malchiah, and Miamin, and Eleazar, and Mal-
chijah, and Benaiah. And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, 26
Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. And 27
of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jere-
moth, and Zabad, and Aziza. Of the sons also of Bebai; Jeho- 28
hanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, *and* Athlai. And of the sons of Bani; 29
Meshullam, Malluch, and Adaiah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ra-
moth. And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, 30
Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezaleel, and Binnui, and Ma-
nasseh. And *of* the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchiah, 31
Shemaiah, Shimeon, 'Benjamin. Malluch, *and* Shemariah. 'Of 32
the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattathah, Zabad, Eliphelet,
Jeremai, Manasseh, *and* Shimei. Of the sons of Bani; Maadai, 34
Amram, and Uel, 'Benaiah, Bedeiah, Chelluh, 'Vaniah, Mere- 36
moth, Eliashib, 'Mattaniah, Mattenai, and Jaasau, 'and Bani, 37
and Binnui, Shimei, 'and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adaiah, 39
'Machnadebai, Shashai, Sharai, 'Azareel, and Shelemiah, She- 40
mariah, 'Shallum, Amariah, *and* Joseph. Of the sons of Nebo; 42
Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabad, Zebina, Jadau, and Joel, Benaiah. All 44
these had taken strange wives: and *some* of them had wives by
whom they had children.

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

THE words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah. And it **1**
came to pass in the month Chisleu, in the twentieth year, as I
was in Shushan the palace, 'that Hanani, one of my brethren, **2**
came, he and *certain* men of Judah; and I asked them concern-
ing the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity,
and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The rem- **3**
nant that are left of the captivity there in the province *are* in
great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is
broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And **4**
it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and
wept, and mourned *certain* days, and fasted, and prayed before
the God of heaven, 'and said, I beseech thee, O LORD God of **5**
heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and
mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:
let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou **6**
mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee
now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and
confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned
against thee: both I and my father's house have sinned. **7**
We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the
commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou

commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, 8
 the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, *If ye*
transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations: but *if* 9
 ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them;
 though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the
 heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them
 unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there. Now 10
 these *are* thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed
 by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. O LORD, I be- 11
 seech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy
 servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who desire to fear thy
 name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant
 him mercy in the sight of this man.

For I was the king's cup-bearer. 'And it came to pass in the 2
 month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that*
wine was before him: and I took up the wine, and gave *it* unto
 the king. Now I had not been *beforetime* sad in his presence.
 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why *is* thy countenance sad, 2
 seeing thou *art* not sick? this *is* nothing *else* but sorrow of heart.
 Then I was very sore afraid, 'and said unto the king, Let the 3
 king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad,
 when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, *lieth* waste,
 and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? 'Then the king 4
 said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed
 to the God of heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the 5
 king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou
 wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepul- 6
 chres, that I may build it. And the king said unto me, (the queen
 also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and
 when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and 7
 I set him a time. Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the 8
 king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river,
 that they may convey me over till I come into Judah; and a
 letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's forest, that he may
 give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which
appertained to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for
 the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, ac-
 cording to the good hand of my God upon me.

THEN I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave 9
 them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the
 army and horsemen with me. When Sanballat the Horonite, 10
 and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard *of it*, it grieved
 them exceedingly that there was come a man to seek the wel-
 fare of the children of Israel. So I came to Jerusalem, and was 11
 there three days.

AND I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; 12
 neither told I *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do
 at Jerusalem: neither *was there any* beast with me, save the
 beast that I rode upon. And I went out by night by the gate 13
 of the valley, even before the dragon well, and to the dung port,
 and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down,

and the gates thereof were consumed with fire. Then I went 14
 on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool: but *there*
was no place for the beast *that was* under me to pass. Then 15
 went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall, and
 turned back, and entered by the gate of the valley, and *so* re-
 turned. And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I 16
 did; neither had I as yet told *it* to the Jews, nor to the priests,
 nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the
 work. Then said I unto them, Ye see the distress that we *are* 17
 in, how Jerusalem *lieth* waste, and the gates thereof are burned
 with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that
 we be no more a reproach. Then I told them of the hand of my 18
 God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he
 had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build.
 So they strengthened their hands for *this good work*. 'But when 19
 Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite,
 and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn,
 and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye
 rebel against the king? Then answered I them, and said unto 20
 them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his
 servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right,
 nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

THEN Eliashib the high-priest rose up with his brethren the 3
 priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and
 set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Meah they sanc- 2
 tified it, unto the tower of Hananeel. And next unto him
 builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur 3
 the son of Imri. But the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah
 build, who *also* laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors 4
 thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. And next unto
 them repaired Meremoth the son of Urijah, the son of Koz. And 5
 next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the
 son of Meshezabeel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the 6
 son of Baana. And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but
 their nobles put not their necks to the work of their Lord. More-
 over the old gate repaired Jehoiada the son of Paseah, and
 Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof,
 and set up the doors thereof, and the locks thereof, and the bars 7
 thereof. And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite,
 and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, 8
 unto the throne of the governor on this side the river. Next unto
 him repaired Uzziel the son of Harhaiah, of the goldsmiths.
 Next unto him also repaired Hananiah the son of *one of* the
 apothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem unto the broad wall.
 And next unto them repaired Rephaiah the son of Hur, the ruler 9
 of the half part of Jerusalem. And next unto them repaired
 Jedaiah the son of Harumaph, even over-against his house. And
 next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabniah. Mal- 11
 chijah the son of Harim, and Hashub the son of Pahath-moab,
 repaired the other piece, and the tower of the furnaces. And 12
 next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Halohesh, the ruler

of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. The valley 13
gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built
it, and set up the doors thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars
thereof, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the dung gate.
But the dung gate repaired Malchiah the son of Rechab, the 14
ruler of part of Beth-haccerein; he built it, and set up the doors
thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof. But the gate of 15
the fountain repaired Shallun the son of Col-hozeh, the ruler of
part of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors
thereof, the locks thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of
the pool of Siloah by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that
go down from the city of David. After him repaired Nehemiah 16
the son of Azbuk, the ruler of the half part of Beth-zur, unto *the*
place over-against the sepulchres of David, and to the pool
that was made, and unto the house of the mighty. After him 17
repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him
repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of the half part of Keilah, in his
part. After him repaired their brethren, Bavai the son of He- 18
nadad, the ruler of the half part of Keilah. And next to him re- 19
paired Ezer the son of Jeshua, the ruler of Mizpah, another piece
over-against the going up to the armory at the turning *of the wall*.
After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired the other 20
piece, from the turning *of the wall* unto the door of the house of
Eliashib the high-priest. After him repaired Meremoth the son 21
of Urijah the son of Koz another piece, from the door of the house
of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. And after 22
him repaired the priests, the men of the plain. After him re- 23
paired Benjamin and Hashub over-against their house. After
him repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah
by his house. After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad 24
another piece, from the house of Azariah unto the turning *of the*
wall, even unto the corner. Palal the son of Uzai, over-against 25
the turning *of the wall*, and the tower which lieth out from the
king's high house, that *was* by the court of the prison. After him,
Pedaiah the son of Parosh. Moreover the Nethinims dwelt in 26
Ophel, unto *the place* over-against the water gate toward the east,
and the tower that lieth out. After them the Tekoites repaired 27
another piece, over-against the great tower that lieth out, even
unto the wall of Ophel. From above the horse gate repaired 28
the priests, every one over-against his house. After them re- 29
paired Zadok the son of Immer over-against his house. After
him repaired also Shemaiah the son of Shechaniah, the keeper
of the east gate. After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shele- 30
miah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another piece. After
him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over-against his
chamber. After him repaired Malchiah the goldsmith's son, 31
unto the place of the Nethinims, and of the merchants, over-
against the gate Miphkad, and to the going up of the corner.
And between the going up of the corner unto the sheep gate re- 32
paired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

BUT it came to pass, that when Sanballat heard that we build- 4
the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked
the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of 2
Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? will they fortify
themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a
day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish
which are burned? Now Tobiah the Ammonite *was* by him, and 3
he said, Even that which they build, if a fox go up, he shall even
break down their stone wall. Hear, O our God; for we are 4
despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and
give them for a prey in the land of captivity: and cover not their 5
iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee:
for they have provoked *thee* to anger before the builders. So 6
built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto
the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work. But it 7
came to pass, *that* when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians,
and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls
of Jerusalem were made up, *and* that the breaches began to be 8
stopped, then they were very wroth, 'and conspired all of them
together to come *and* to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder 9
it. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a 9
watch against them day and night, because of them. And 10
Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed,
and *there is* much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the
wall. And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither 11
see, till we come in the midst among them, and slay them, and
cause the work to cease. And it came to pass, that when the 12
Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times,
From all places whence ye shall return unto us *they will be upon*
you. Therefore set I in the lower places behind the wall, *and* 13
on the higher places, I even set the people after their families
with their swords, their spears, and their bows. And I looked, 14
and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to
the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the
LORD, *which is* great and terrible, and fight for your brethren,
your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.
And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known 15
unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we
returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. And it 16
came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants
wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the
spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the
rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah. They which builded 17
on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded,
every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with
the other *hand* held a weapon. For the builders, every one had 18
his sword girded by his side, and *so* builded. And he that
sounded the trumpet *was* by me. And I said unto the nobles, 19
and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is
great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far
from another. In what place *therefore* ye hear the sound of the 20

trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us. So we labored in the work: and half of them held the spears 21 from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. Likewise 22 at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labor on the day. So neither I, nor my brethren, 23 nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, *saving that* every one put them off for washing.

AND there was a great cry of the people and of their wives 5 against their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, 2 our sons, and our daughters, *are many*: therefore we take up corn *for them*, that we may eat, and live. *Some* also there were 3 that said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses, that we might buy corn, because of the dearth. There were 4 also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute, *and that upon* our lands and vineyards. Yet now our flesh *is* 5 as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and *some* of our daughters are brought unto bondage *already*: neither *is it* in our power to *redeem them*; for other men have our lands and vineyards. And I was very angry when I 6 heard their cry, and these words. Then I consulted with myself, 7 and I rebuked the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I set a great assembly against them. And I said unto them, We after 8 our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and will ye even sell your brethren? or shall they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found nothing to *answer*. Also I said, It is not good that ye do: 9 ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? I likewise, *and* my brethren, 10 and my servants, might exact of them money and corn: I pray you, let us leave off this usury. Restore, I pray you, to 11 them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. Then said they, We will restore *them*, and will require nothing 12 of them; so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to this promise. Also I shook my lap, and said, So God shake out every 13 man from his house, and from his labor, that performeth not this promise, even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

MOREOVER, from the time that I was appointed to be their 14 governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two-and-thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, *that is*, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. But the former governors that *had been* before me 15 were chargeable unto the people, and had taken of them bread

and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the fear of God. Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, 16 neither bought we any land: and all my servants *were* gathered thither unto the work. Moreover *there were* at my table an 17 hundred and fifty of the Jews and rulers, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that *are* about us. Now *that* 18 which was prepared *for me* daily *was* one ox *and* six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this required not I the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that 19 I have done for this people.

Now it came to pass, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, heard that I had builded the wall, and *that* there was no breach left therein; (though at that time I had not set up the doors upon the gates;) that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us 2 meet together in *some one of* the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do me mischief. 'And I sent messengers 3 unto them, saying, I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you? Yet they sent unto me four times after this 4 sort; and I answered them after the same manner. Then sent 5 Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter in his hand; wherein *was* written, It is reported 6 among the heathen, and Gashmu saith *it, that* thou and the Jews think to rebel: for which cause thou buildest the wall, that thou mayest be their king, according to these words. And thou hast 7 also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, and let us take counsel together. Then I sent unto him, saying, There 8 are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. For they all made us afraid, saying, 9 Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, *O God*, strengthen my hands. 'Afterward 10 I came unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabeel, who *was* shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will they come to slay thee. And I said, Should 11 such a man as I flee? and who *is there*, that, *being* as I *am*, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. And, lo, I 12 perceived that God had not sent him; but that he pronounced this prophecy against me: for Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. Therefore *was* he hired, that I should be afraid, and do 13 so, and sin, and *that* they might have *matter* for an evil report, that they might reproach me. My God, think thou upon To- 14 biah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the

prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

So the wall was finished in the twenty-and-fifth *day of the* 15
month Elul, in fifty-and-two days. And it came to pass, that 16
 when all our enemies heard *thereof*, and all the heathen that
were about us saw *these things*, they were much cast down in
 their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought
 of our God. Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent 17
 many letters unto Tobiah, and *the letters* of Tobiah came unto
 them. For *there were* many in Judah sworn unto him, because 18
 he *was* the son-in-law of Shechaniah the son of Arah; and his son
 Johanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Be-
 rechiah. Also they reported his good deeds before me, and 19
 uttered my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me
 in fear.

Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set 7
 up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites
 were appointed, ' that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah 2
 the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a
 faithful man, and feared God above many. And I said unto 3
 them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun
 be hot; and while they stand by, let them shut the doors, and
 bar *them*: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
 every one in his watch, and every one *to be* over-against his
 house. Now the city *was* large and great: but the people *were* 4
 few therein, and the houses *were* not builded.

AND my God put into mine heart to gather together the 5
 nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reck-
 oned by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of
 them which came up at the first, and found written therein, 6
 'These *are* the children of the province, that went up out of
 the captivity, of those that had been carried away, whom Neb-
 uchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and came
 again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; who 7
 came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah,
 Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum,
 Baanah. The number, *I say*, of the men of the people of Israel
was this: The children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred 8
 seventy and two. The children of Shephatiah, three hundred 9
 seventy and two. The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and 10
 two. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua 11
 and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred *and* eighteen. The 12
 children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. The 13
 children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and five. The children 14
 of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. The children of 15
 Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. The children of Bebai, 16
 six hundred twenty and eight. The children of Azgad, two 17
 thousand three hundred twenty and two. The children of Ado- 18
 nikam, six hundred threescore and seven. The children of 19
 Bigvai, two thousand threescore and seven. The children of 20
 Adin, six hundred fifty and five. The children of Ater of Heze- 21

kiah, ninety and eight. The children of Hashum, three hun- 22
dred twenty and eight. The children of Bezai, three hundred 23
twenty and four. The children of Hariph, an hundred and 24
twelve. 'The children of Gibeon, ninety and five. 'The men 25
of Beth-lehem and Netophah, an hundred fourscore and eight.
'The men of Anathoth, an hundred twenty and eight. 'The 27
men of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two. The men of Kirjath- 29
jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three.
The men of Ramah and Gaba, six hundred twenty and one. 30
'The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two. 'The 31
men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred twenty and three. The 33
men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. The children of the other 34
Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty and four. The children of 35
Harim, three hundred and twenty. The children of Jericho, 36
three hundred forty and five. The children of Lod, Hadid, and 37
Ono, seven hundred twenty and one. The children of Senaah, 38
three thousand nine hundred and thirty. The priests: the chil- 39
dren of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy
and three. The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. 40
The children of Pashur, a thousand two hundred forty and 41
seven. 'The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. 'The 42
Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, and of the children
of Hodevah, seventy and four. The singers: the children of 44
Asaph, an hundred forty and eight. The porters: the children 45
of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the
children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Sho-
bai, an hundred thirty and eight. The Nethinims: the children 46
of Ziha, the children of Hashupha, the children of Tabbaoth,
'the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of 47
Padon, 'the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the 48
children of Shalmal, 'the children of Hanan, the children of 49
Giddel, the children of Gahar, 'the children of Reaiah, the chil- 50
dren of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, 'the children of Gaz- 51
zam, the children of Uzza, the children of Phaseah, 'the children 52
of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephishesim,
'the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children 53
of Harhur, 'the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, 54
the children of Harsha, 'the children of Barkos, the children of 55
Sisera, the children of Tamah, 'the children of Neziaah, the 56
children of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants: the 57
children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of
Perida, 'the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the chil- 58
dren of Giddel, 'the children of Shephatiah, the children of 59
Hattil, the children of Pochereth of Zebaim, the children of
Amon. All the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's ser- 60
vants, were three hundred ninety and two. And these were they 61
which went up also from Tel-melah, Tel-haresha, Cherub, Ad-
don, and Immer: but they could not show their father's house,
nor their seed, whether they were of Israel. The children of 62
Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six
hundred forty and two. And of the priests: the children of 63

Habaiah, the children of Koz, the children of Barzillai, which took *one* of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite to wife, and was called after their name. These sought their register *among* 64 those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they, as polluted, put from the priesthood. And 65 the Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood *up* a priest with Urim and Thummim. The whole congregation together *was* forty and 66 two thousand three hundred and threescore, beside their man- 67 servants and their maid-servants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and singing women. Their 68 horses, seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: '*their* camels, four hundred thirty and five: six 69 thousand seven hundred and twenty asses.

AND some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. 70 The Tirshatha gave to the treasure a thousand drams of gold, fifty basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. And 71 *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasure of the work twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand and two hundred pound of silver. And *that* which the rest of the people 72 gave *was* twenty thousand drams of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and seven priests' garments.

So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the 73 singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nethinims, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities; and when the seventh month came, the children of Israel *were* in their cities.

AND all the people gathered themselves together as one man 8 into the street that *was* before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the 2 priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the 3 street that *was* before the water gate from the morning until mid-day, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people *were attentive* unto the book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit 4 of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Urijah, and Hilkiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishaël, and Malchiah, and Hashum, and Hashbadana, Zechariah, and Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book 5 in the sight of all the people: (for he was above all the people;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: and Ezra 6 blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shab- 7 bethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the

law: and the people *stood* in their place. So they read in the 8
 book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused
them to understand the reading. And Nehemiah, which is the 9
 Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that
 taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto
 the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people
 wept, when they heard the words of the law. Then he said 10
 unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and
 send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this*
 day is holy unto our LORD: neither be ye sorry; for the joy
 of the LORD is your strength. So the Levites stilled all the 11
 people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be
 ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to 12
 drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because
 they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

AND on the second day were gathered together the chief of 13
 the fathers of all the people, the priests and the Levites, unto
 Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. And 14
 they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded
 by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in
 the feast of the seventh month: and that they should publish 15
 and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth
 unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and pine branches,
 and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick
 trees, to make booths, as *it is* written. So the people went forth, 16
 and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, every one upon
 the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the
 house of God, and in the street of the water gate, and in the
 street of the gate of Ephraim. And all the congregation of them 17
 that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat
 under the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun
 unto that day, had not the children of Israel done so. And there
 was very great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day 18
 unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And
 they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day *was* a
 solemn assembly, according unto the manner.

Now in the twenty-and-fourth day of this month the children 9
 of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackclothes, and
 earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves 2
 from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the
 iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and 3
 read in the book of the law of the LORD their God *one* fourth
 part of the day; and *another* fourth part they confessed, and wor- 4
 shipped the LORD their God. Then stood up upon the stairs,
 of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni,
 Sherebiah, Bani, *and* Chenani, and cried with a loud voice unto
 the LORD their God. Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, 5
 Bani, Hashabniah, Sherebiah, Hodijah, Shebaniah, *and* Petha-
 hiah, said,

Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God for ever and ever:
 and blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all
 blessing and praise. Thou, *even* thou, *art* LORD alone; thou 6

hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that *are* therein, the seas, and all that *is* therein, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Thou *art* the LORD the God, who didst 7
choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham; and foundest his 8
heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to give *it*, *I* say, to his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou *art* 9
righteous: and didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red sea; and showedst signs and 10
wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: for thou knowest that they dealt proudly against them. So didst thou get thee a name, as *it is* this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went 11
through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their persecutors thou threwest into the deeps, as a stone into the mighty waters. Moreover thou leddest them in the day by a cloudy 12
pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Thou camest down also upon 13
mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgments, and true laws, good statutes and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, 14
and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant: and gavest them bread from heaven for 15
their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and promisedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them. But 16
they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their necks, and hearkened not to thy commandments, 'and refused to obey, 17
neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou *art* a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and forsookest them not. Yea, when they had 18
made them a molten calf, and said, This *is* thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; yet 19
thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of the cloud departed not from them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show 20
them light, and the way wherein they should go. Thou gavest also thy good spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, so 21
that they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and 22
nations, and didst divide them into corners: so they possessed the land of Sihon, and the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children also multipliedst 23
thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land, concerning which thou hadst promised to their fathers, that they

should go in to possess it. So the children went in and possessed 24
the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the
land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their
kings, and the people of the land, that they might do with them
as they would. And they took strong cities, and a fat land, and 25
possessed houses full of all goods, wells digged, vineyards, and
oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and
were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great
goodness. Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled 26
against thee, and cast thy law behind their backs, and slew thy
prophets which testified against them to turn them to thee, and
they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou deliveredst 27
them into the hand of their enemies, who vexed them: and in
the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou
hearest *them* from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies
thou gavest them saviors, who saved them out of the hand
of their enemies. But after they had rest, they did evil again 28
before thee: therefore ledest thou them in the hand of their
enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when
they returned, and cried unto thee, thou hearest *them* from
heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them, according to
thy mercies; and testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring 29
them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened
not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments,
(which if a man do, he shall live in them;) and withdrew the
shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. Yet 30
many years didst thou forbear them, and testifiedst against
them by thy spirit in thy prophets: yet would they not give ear:
therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the people of the
lands. Nevertheless for thy great mercies' sake thou didst not 31
utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for thou *art* a gracious
and merciful God. Now therefore, our God, the great, the 32
mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy,
let not all the trouble seem little before thee, that hath come
upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on
our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the
time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. Howbeit thou *art* 33
just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but
we have done wickedly: neither have our kings, our princes, 34
our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto
thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst
testify against them. For they have not served thee in their 35
kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and
in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither
turned they from their wicked works. Behold, we *are* servants 36
this day, and *for* the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat
the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we *are* servants
in it: and it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou 37
hast set over us because of our sins: also they have dominion
over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we
are in great distress. And because of all this, we make a sure 38

covenant, and write it; and our princes, Levites, and priests, seal unto it.

Now those that sealed *were* Nehemiah, the Tirshatha, the son **10**
of Hachaliah, and Zidkijah, 'Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 'Pashur, **2,3**
Amariah, Malchijah, 'Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 'Harim, **4,5**
Meremoth, Obadiah, 'Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 'Meshullam, **6,7**
Abijah, Mijamin, 'Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah: these *were* the **8**
priests. And the Levites: both Jeshua the son of Azaniah, **9**
Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; and their brethren, **10**
Shebaniah, Hodijah, Kelita, Pelaiah, Hanan, 'Micha, Rehob, **11**
Hashabiah, 'Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 'Hodijah, Bani, **12**
Beninu. The chief of the people; Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, **14**
Zatthu, Bani, 'Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 'Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, **15**
'Ater, Hizkijah, Azzur, 'Hodijah, Hashum, Bezai, 'Hariph, Ana- **17**
thoth, Nebai, 'Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir, 'Meshezabeel, Za- **20**
dok, Jaddua, 'Pelatiah, Hanan, Anaiah, 'Hoshea, Hananiah, **22**
Hashub, 'Hallohesh, Pileha, Shobek, 'Rehum, Hashabnah, **24**
Maaseiah, 'and Ahijah, Hanan, Anan, 'Malluch, Harim, Baanah. **26**
And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, **28**
the singers, the Nethinims, and all they that had separated them-
selves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their
wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one having know-
ledge, and having understanding; they clave to their brethren, **29**
their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk
in God's law, which was given by Moses the servant of God,
and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our
Lord, and his judgments and his statutes; and that we would **30**
not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take
their daughters for our sons: and *if* the people of the land bring **31**
ware or any victuals on the sabbath day to sell, *that* we would
not buy it of them on the sabbath, or on the holy day: and *that*
we would leave the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

Also we made ordinances for us, to charge ourselves yearly **32**
with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of
our God; for the show-bread, and for the continual meat-offering, **33**
and for the continual burnt-offering, of the sabbaths, of the new
moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin-
offerings, to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work
of the house of our God. And we cast the lots among the priests, **34**
the Levites, and the people, for the wood-offering, to bring *it* into
the house of our God, after the houses of our fathers, at times
appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our
God, as *it is* written in the law: and to bring the first-fruits of **35**
our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by
year, unto the house of the LORD: also the first-born of our **36**
sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the law, and the firstlings
of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God,
unto the priests that minister in the house of our God: and *that* **37**
we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our offerings,
and the fruit of all manner of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the
priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes
of our ground unto the Levites, that the same Levites might

have the tithes in all the cities of our tillage. And the priest the 38
son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take
tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes
unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-
house. For the children of Israel and the children of Levi 39
shall bring the offering of the corn, of the new wine, and the
oil, unto the chambers, where *are* the vessels of the sanctuary,
and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers:
and we will not forsake the house of our God.

AND the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: the rest of 11
the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jeru-
salem the holy city, and nine parts *to dwell* in *other* cities. And 2
the people blessed all the men, that willingly offered themselves
to dwell at Jerusalem. Now these *are* the chief of the province 3
that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every
one in his possession in their cities, *to wit*, Israel, the priests, and
the Levites, and the Nethinims, and the children of Solomon's
servants. And at Jerusalem dwelt *certain* of the children of 4
Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of
Judah; Athaiah the son of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the
son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalaleel,
of the children of Perez; and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the 5
son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah, the son of Adaiah, the son
of Joiarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Shiloni. All the 6
sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem *were* four hundred three-
score and eight valiant men. And these *are* the sons of Benja- 7
min; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed, the son of
Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah, the son of Maaseiah, the son of
Ithiel, the son of Jesaiah. And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine 8
hundred twenty and eight. And Joel the son of Zichri *was* 9
their overseer: and Judah the son of Senuah *was* second over
the city.

'Of the priests: Jedaiah the son of Joiarib, Jachin. 'Seraiah 10
the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the
son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, *was* the ruler of the house
of God. And their brethren that did the work of the house 12
were eight hundred twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of Je-
roham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zecha-
riah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchiah, 'and his brethren, 13
chief of the fathers, two hundred forty and two: and Amashai
the son of Azareel, the son of Ahasai, the son of Meshillemoth,
the son of Immer, 'and their brethren, mighty men of valor, an 14
hundred twenty and eight: and their overseer *was* Zabdiel, the
son of *one of* the great men.

ALSO of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of Hashub, the son 15
of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni. And Shab- 16
bethai and Jozabad, of the chief of the Levites, *had* the oversight
of the outward business of the house of God. And Mattaniah 17
the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, *was* the
principal, to begin the thanksgiving in prayer: and Bakbukiah
the second among his brethren, and Abda the son of Shammua,
the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun. All the Levites in the 18

holy city *were* two hundred fourscore and four. Moreover the 19
 porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren that kept the gates,
were an hundred seventy and two. And the residue of Israel, 20
 of the priests, *and* the Levites, *were* in all the cities of Judah,
 every one in his inheritance. But the Nethinims dwelt in Ophel: 21
 and Zihah and Gispah *were* over the Nethinims. The overseer 22
 also of the Levites at Jerusalem *was* Uzzi the son of Bani, the
 son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micha. Of
 the sons of Asaph, the singers *were* over the business of the house
 of God. For *it was* the king's commandment concerning them, 23
 that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every
 day. And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabeel, of the children 24
 of Zerah the son of Judah, *was* at the king's hand in all matters
 concerning the people.

AND for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children 25
 of Judah dwelt at Kirjath-arba, and *in* the villages thereof, and
 at Dibon, and *in* the villages thereof, and at Jekabzeel, and *in*
 the villages thereof, 'and at Jeshua, and at Moladah, and at 26
 Beth-phelet, 'and at Hazar-shual, and at Beer-sheba, and *in* the 27
 villages thereof, 'and at Ziklag, and at Mekonah, and *in* the 28
 villages thereof, 'and at Enrimmon, and at Zareah, and at Jar- 29
 muth, 'Zanoah, Adullam, and *in* their villages, at Lachish, and 30
 the fields thereof, at Azekah, and *in* the villages thereof. And
 they dwelt from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom. The 31
 children also of Benjamin from Geba *dwelt* at Michmash, and
 Aija, and Beth-el, and *in* their villages, 'and at Anathoth, Nob, 32
 Ananiah, 'Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 'Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 33
 'Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. 'And of the Levites 35
were divisions *in* Judah, *and* *in* Benjamin.

Now these *are* the priests and the Levites that went up with 12
 Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah,
 Ezra, 'Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 'Shechaniah, Rehum, Mere- 2,3
 moth, 'Iddo, Ginnetho, Abijah, 'Miamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 'She- 4
 maiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah, 'Sallu, Amok, Hilkiah, Jedaiah. 7
 These *were* the chief of the priests and of their brethren in the
 days of Jeshua. Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kad- 8
 miel, Sherebiah, Judah, *and* Mattaniah, *which was* over the
 thanksgiving, he and his brethren. Also Bakbukiah and Unni, 9
 their brethren, *were* over-against them in the watches.

AND Jeshua begat Joiakim, Joiakim also begat Eliashib, and 10
 Eliashib begat Joiada, 'and Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan 11
 begat Jaddua.

AND in the days of Joiakim *were* priests, the chief of the 12
 fathers: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 'of 13
 Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 'of Melicu, Jona- 14
 than; of Shebaniah, Joseph; 'of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, 15
 Helkai; 'of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 'of 16
 Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin; of Moadiah, Piltai; 'of Bilgah, 18
 Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 'and of Joiarib, Matte- 19
 nai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; 'of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 'of 20
 Hilkiah, Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nethaneel. The Levites in 22
 the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, *were* re-

corded chief of the fathers: also the priests, to the reign of Darius the Persian. The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, 23 *were* written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib.

AND the chief of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherabiah, and 24 Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over-against them, to praise *and* to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over-against ward. Mat- 25 taniah, and Bakkukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, *were* porters keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates. These *were* in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of 26 Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

AND at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought 27 the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. And 28 the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of Netophathi; also from the house of Gilgal, and out 29 of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. And the priests and the 30 Levites purified themselves, and purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. Then I brought up the princes of Judah 31 upon the wall, and appointed two great *companies of them that gave* thanks, *whereof one* went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: and after them went Hoshaiiah, and half 32 of the princes of Judah, 'and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 33 'Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, 'and *certain* 34 of the priests' sons with trumpets; *namely*, Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Michaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph: and his brethren, 36 Shemaiah, and Azarael, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethaneel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and Ezra the scribe before them. And at the fountain 37 gate, which was over-against them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward. And the 38 other *company of them that gave* thanks went over-against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall; and 39 from above the gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the fish gate, and the tower of Hananeel, and the tower of Meah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the prison gate. So stood the two *companies of them that gave* thanks 40 in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me: and the priests; Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Michaiah, Eli- 41 oenai, Zechariah, *and* Hananiah, with trumpets; and Maaseiah, 42 and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah *their* overseer. Also that day they offered great sac- 43 rifices, and rejoiced: for God had made them rejoice with great

joy: the wives also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

AND at that time were some appointed over the chambers for 44
the treasures, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the
tithes, to gather into them, out of the fields of the cities, the por-
tions of the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced 45
for the priests and for the Levites that waited. And both the
singers and the porters kept the ward of their God, and the ward
of the purification, according to the commandment of David, *and* 46
of Solomon his son. For in the days of David and Asaph of old, 46
there were chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanks-
giving unto God. And all Israel, in the days of Zerubbabel, and 47
in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and
the porters, every day his portion; and they sanctified *holy*
things unto the Levites; and the Levites sanctified *them* unto the
children of Aaron.

ON that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience 13
of the people; and therein was found written, that the Ammonite
and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God
for ever; because they met not the children of Israel with bread 2
and with water, but hired Balaam against them, that he should
curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing.
Now it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they 3
separated from Israel all the mixed multitude. And before this, 4
Eliashib the priest, having the oversight of the chamber of the
house of our God, *was* allied unto Tobiah: and he had prepared for 5
him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meat-offerings,
the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the
new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the
Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the offerings of the
priests. But in all this *time* was not I at Jerusalem: for in the 6
two-and-thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon came I unto
the king, and after certain days obtained I leave of the king:
and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib 7
did for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the
house of God. And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth 8
all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. Then I 9
commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought
I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat-offering
and the frankincense.

AND I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been 10
given *them*: for the Levites and the singers, that did the work,
were fled every one to his field. Then contended I with the 11
rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I
gathered them together, and set them in their place. Then 12
brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the new wine and
the oil unto the treasures. And I made treasurers over the 13
treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the
Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them *was* Hanan the son of Zaccur,
the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their
office *was* to distribute unto their brethren. Remember me, O 14

my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

IN those days saw I in Judah *some* treading wine-presses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading asses; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *manner of* burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against them* in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing *is* this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass, that when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and charged that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and *some* of my servants set I at the gates, *that* there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do *so* again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no *more* on the sabbath. And I commanded the Levites, that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come *and* keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

IN those days also saw I Jews *that* had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, *and* of Moab: and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, *saying*, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did outlandish women cause to sin. Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives? And *one* of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high-priest, *was* son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites. Thus cleansed I them from all strangers, and appointed the wards of the priests and the Levites, every one in his business; and for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, *for* good.

THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

NOW it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is **1**
 Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, *over*
 an hundred and seven and twenty provinces :) *that* in those days, **2**
 when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom,
 which *was* in Shushan the palace, 'in the third year of his reign, **3**
 he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power
 of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces,
being before him: when he showed the riches of his glorious **4**
 kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, *even*
 an hundred and fourscore days. And when these days were **5**
 expired, the king made a feast unto all the people that were
 present in Shushan the palace, both unto great and small, **6**
 seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; *where were*
 white, green, and blue, *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine
 linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the beds
were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and blue, and
 white, and black, marble. And they gave *them* drink in vessels **7**
 of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal
 wine in abundance, according to the state of the king. And **8**
 the drinking *was* according to the law; none did compel: for so the
 king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should
 do according to every man's pleasure. Also Vashti the queen **9**
 made a feast for the women *in* the royal house which *belonged*
 to king Ahasuerus.

On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry **10**
 with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha,
 and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven chamberlains that
 served in the presence of Ahasuerus the king, to bring Vashti **11**
 the queen before the king with the crown royal, to show the
 people and the princes her beauty: for she *was* fair to look on.
 But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's command- **12**
 ment by *his* chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth,
 and his anger burned in him. Then the king said to the wise **13**
 men, which knew the times. (for so *was* the king's manner to-
 ward all that knew law and judgment: and the next unto him **14**
was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena,
 and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which
 saw the king's face, *and* which sat the first in the kingdom;) **15**
 What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to law, be-
 cause she hath not performed the commandment of the king
 Ahasuerus by the chamberlains? And Memucan answered be- **16**
 fore the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done
 wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the
 people that *are* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. For **17**
this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, so that
 they shall despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be

reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. *Likewise shall the ladies of Persia and Media say this day unto all the king's princes, which have heard of the deed of the queen. Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath. If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honor, both to great and small. And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word of Memucan: for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.*

AFTER these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was appeased, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them: and let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so. Now in Shushan the palace there was a certain Jew, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite; who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maid was fair and beautiful; whom Mordecai, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter. So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was brought also unto the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with such things as belonged to her, and seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he preferred her and her maids unto the best place of the house of the women. Esther had not showed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not show it. And Mordecai walked every day before the court

of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her. Now when every maid's turn was come to go 12
 in to king Ahasuerus, after that she had been twelve months, according to the manner of the women, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women;) then thus came *every* maiden 13
 unto the king; whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's house. In the 14
 evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and that she were called by name. Now when the turn of Esther, 15
 the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her. So Esther was 16
 taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which *is* the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign. And the king loved Esther above all the women, and 17
 she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vashti. Then the king made a great feast 18
 unto all his princes and his servants, *even* Esther's feast; and he made a release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king.

AND when the virgins were gathered together the second 19
 time, then Mordecai sat in the king's gate. Esther had not *yet* 20
 showed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. In those days, while Mordecai 21
 sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was 22
 known to Mordecai, who told *it* unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king *thereof* in Mordecai's name. And when 23
 inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

AFTER these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman 3
 the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that *were* with him. And all the 2
 king's servants, that *were* in the king's gate, bowed, and revered Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not, nor did *him* reverence. 'Then the king's 3
 servants, which *were* in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's commandment?

Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and 4
 he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see

whether Mordecai's matters would stand; for he had told them that he *was* a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. And he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had showed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that *were* throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, *even* the people of Mordecai. In the first month, that *is*, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that *is*, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, *to* the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar. And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws *are* diverse from all people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it *is* not for the king's profit to suffer them. If it please the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those that have the charge of the business, to bring *it* into the king's treasuries. And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. And the king said unto Haman, The silver *is* given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. Then were the king's scribes called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Haman had commanded, unto the king's lieutenants, and to the governors that *were* over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according to the writing thereof, and *to* every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and sealed with the king's ring. And the letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, *even* upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which *is* the month Adar, and *to take* the spoil of them for a prey. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, that they should be ready against that day. The posts went out, being hastened by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city Shushan was perplexed.

WHEN Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and a bitter cry; and came even before the king's gate: for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes. So Esther's maids and her chamberlains came and told *it* her. Then was the queen exceedingly grieved; and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take away his sackcloth from him: but he received *it* not. Then called Esther for Hatach, one of

the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Mordecai, to know what *it was*, and why *it was*. So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the street of the city, which *was* before the king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and of the sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries, for the Jews, to destroy them. Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given at Shushan to destroy them, to show *it* unto Esther, and to declare *it* unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him for her people. And Hatach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. Again Esther spake unto Hatach, and gave him commandment unto Mordecai; All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put *him* to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. And they told to Mordecai Esther's words. Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, 'Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, *then* shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this? Then Esther bade *them* return Mordecai *this answer*, Go, gather together all the Jews *that are* present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night nor day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which *is* not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on *her* royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over-against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over-against the gate of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, *that* she obtained favor in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that *was* in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what *is* thy request? it shall be even given thee to the half of the kingdom. And Esther answered, If *it seem* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that he may do as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request?

even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is: If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said.

THEN went Haman forth that day joyful and with a glad heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up, nor moved for him, he was full of indignation against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman refrained himself: and when he came home, he sent and called for his friends, and Zeresh his wife. And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself: and to-morrow am I invited unto her also with the king. Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and to-morrow speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

ON that night could not the king sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles: and they were read before the king. And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, the keepers of the door, who sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honor and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honor, let the royal apparel be brought, which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and the crown royal which is set upon his head: and let this apparel and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man *withal* whom the king delighteth to honor, and bring him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor. Then the king said to Haman, Make

haste, *and* take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman 11
the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor. And Mordecai came again to the king's 12
gate.

BUT Haman hasted to his house mourning, and having his head covered. And Haman told Zeresh his wife and all his 13
friends every *thing* that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai *be* of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. And while 14
they *were* yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared. So the king and Haman came to banquet with 7
Esther the queen. And the king said again unto Esther on the 2
second day at the banquet of wine, What *is* thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what *is* thy request? and it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom. Then 3
Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request: for we are sold, I 4
and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my tongue, although the enemy could not countervail the king's damage. Then the king Ahasuerus answered and said unto 5
Esther the queen, Who *is* he, and where *is* he, that durst presume in his heart to do so? And Esther said, The adversary and 6
enemy *is* this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. And the king arising from the banquet 7
of wine in his wrath *went* into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen: for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place 8
of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the bed whereon Esther *was*. Then said the king, Will he force the queen also before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. And Harbonah, 9
one of the chamberlains, said before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman had made for Mordecai, who had spoken good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him thereon. 10
So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

ON that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king: for Esther had told what he *was* unto her. And 2
the king took off his ring which he had taken from Haman, and

gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

AND Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king, and said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing *seem* right before the king, and I *be* pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which *are* in all the king's provinces: for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen, and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. Write ye also for the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. Then were the king's scribes called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, on the three-and-twentieth day thereof: and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded, unto the Jews, and to the lieutenants, and the deputies and rulers of the provinces which *are* from India unto Ethiophia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. And he wrote in the king Ahasuerus's name, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, and riders on mules, camels, and young dromedaries: wherein the king granted the Jews which *were* in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *both* little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was published unto all people, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. So the posts that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the decree was given at Shushan the palace.

AND Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan rejoiced and was glad. The Jews had light, and gladness, and joy, and honor. And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came,

the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

Now in the twelfth month, that is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (though it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them :) the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them fell upon all people. And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. Thus the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those that hated them. And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vajezatha, the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, slew they; but on the spoil laid they not their hand.

On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman: what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. For the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but on the prey they laid not their hand.

But the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of their foes seventy-and-five thousand, but they laid not their hands on the prey. On the thirteenth day of the month Adar: and on the fourteenth day of the same rested they, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. Therefore the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwall'd towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar a

day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another. And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that *were* in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *both* nigh and far, 'to stablish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, 'as the days wherein the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions one to another, and gifts to the poor. And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written unto them; because Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume them, and to destroy them; but when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. Wherefore they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of *that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come unto them, 'the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their appointed time every year; and *that* these days *should be* remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and *that* these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed. Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this second letter of Purim. And he sent the letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, *with* words of peace and truth, to confirm these days of Purim in their times appointed, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had decreed for themselves, and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their cry. And the decree of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the declaration of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, *are* they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia? For Mordecai the Jew *was* next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name *was* Job; **1**
and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God,
and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons **2**
and three daughters. His substance also was seven thousand **3**
sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen,
and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that
this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. And his **4**
sons went and feasted *in their* houses, every one his day; and
sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with
them. And it was so, when the days of *their* feasting were gone **5**
about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the
morning, and offered burnt-offerings *according* to the number of
them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and
cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present **6**
themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them.
'And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then **7**
Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in
the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD **8**
said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there*
is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one
that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered **9**
the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not **10**
thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about
all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his
hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth **11**
thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse
thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all **12**
that he hath *is* in thy power; only upon himself put not forth
thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

And there was a day when his sons and his daughters *were* **13**
eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: and **14**
there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plow-
ing, and the asses feeding beside them: and the Sabeans fell **15**
upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the ser-
vants with the edge of the sword: and I only am escaped alone
to tell thee. While he *was* yet speaking, there came also another, **16**
and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned
up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only
am escaped alone to tell thee. While he *was* yet speaking, there **17**
came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three
bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away,
yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I
only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he *was* yet speaking, **18**
there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters
were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house:
and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and **19**
smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young

men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, 21

Naked came I out of my mother's womb,
And naked shall I return thither;
The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away;
Blessed be the name of the LORD.

In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. 22

AGAIN there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is none* like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life. 2

So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. 3

THEN said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips. 4

NOW when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: for they had made an appointment together to come to mourn with him, and to comfort him. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that *his* grief was very great. 5

AFTER this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day. And Job spake, and said, 6

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born,
And the night in which it was said,
There is a man-child conceived.
4 Let that day be darkness;
Let not God regard it from above,
Neither let the light shine upon it.
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death
stain it;
Let a cloud dwell upon it;

Let the blackness of the day terrify it.
6 As for that night, let darkness seize upon it;
Let it not be joined unto the days of the year,
Let it not come into the number of the months.
7 Lo, let that night be solitary,
Let no joyful voice come therein.
8 Let them curse it that curse the day,
Who are ready to raise up their mourning.

- 9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark;
Let it look for light, but have none;
Neither let it see the dawning of the day:
10 Because it shut not up the doors of my
mother's womb,
Nor hid sorrow from mine eyes.
11 Why died I not from the womb?
Why did I not give up the ghost when I
came out of the belly?
12 Why did the knees prevent me?
Or why the breasts that I should suck?
13 For now should I have lain still and been
quiet,
I should have slept; then had I been at rest,
14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Which built desolate places for themselves;
15 Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver:
16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had not been;
As infants which never saw light,
17 There the wicked cease from troubling;
And there the weary be at rest.
18 There the prisoners rest together;
They hear not the voice of the oppressor.
19 The small and great are there;
And the servant is free from his master.
20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in
misery,
And life unto the bitter in soul;
21 Which long for death, but it cometh not;
And dig for it more than for hid treasures;
22 Which rejoice exceedingly, and are glad,
When they can find the grave?
23 Why is light given to a man whose way is
hid,
And whom God hath hedged in?
24 For my sighing cometh before I eat,
And my roarings are poured out like the
waters.
25 For the thing which I greatly feared is
come upon me,
And that which I was afraid of is come
unto me.
26 I was not in safety, neither had I rest,
Neither was I quiet; yet trouble came.

4 Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered and said,

- 2 If we assay to commune with thee, wilt
thou be grieved?
But who can withhold himself from speak-
ing?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many,
And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upholden him that was
falling,
And thou hast strengthened the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come upon thee, and thou
faintest;
It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not this thy fear, thy confidence,
Thy hope, and the uprightness of thy ways?
7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished,
being innocent?
Or where were the righteous cut off?
8 Even as I have seen, they that plow iniquity,
And sow wickedness, reap the same.
9 By the blast of God they perish,
And by the breath of his nostrils are they
consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice of
the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions, are broken.
The old lion perisheth for lack of prey,

- And the stout lion's whelps are scattered
abroad.
12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me,
And mine ear received a little thereof.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones to shake.
15 Then a spirit passed before my face;
The hair of my flesh stood up:
16 It stood still, but I could not discern the
form thereof:
An image was before mine eyes,
There was silence, and I heard a voice,
saying.
17 Shall mortal man be more just than God?
Shall a man be more pure than his maker?
18 Behold, he put no trust in his servants;
And his angels he charged with folly:
19 How much less in them that dwell in
houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust, which are
crushed before the moth?
20 They are destroyed from morning to
evening:
They perish for ever without any regard-
ing it.
21 Doth not their excellency which is in
them go away?
They die, even without wisdom.
5 Call now, if there be any that will answer
thee;
And to which of the saints wilt thou turn?
2 For wrath killeth the foolish man,
And envy slayeth the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root:
But suddenly I cursed his habitation.
4 His children are far from safety,
And they are crushed in the gate.
Neither is there any to deliver them.
5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorns.
And the robber swalloweth up their sub-
stance.
6 Although affliction cometh not forth of the
dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the
ground;
7 Yet man is born unto trouble,
As the sparks fly upward.
8 I would seek unto God,
And unto God would I commit my cause:
9 Which doeth great things and unsearch-
able:
Marvellous things without number:
10 Who giveth hail upon the earth,
And sendeth waters upon the fields;
11 To set up on high those that be low;
That those which mourn may be exalted to
safety.
12 He disappointeth the devices of the crafty,
So that their hands cannot perform their
enterprises.
13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness:
And the counsel of the froward is carried
headlong.
14 They meet with darkness in the day-time,
And grope in the noon-day as in the night.
15 But he saveth the poor from the sword,
From their mouth, and from the hand of
the mighty.
16 So the poor hath hope,
And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.
17 Behold, happy is the man whom God cor-
recteth:

Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty:

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up:
He woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles:

Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death:
And in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue:

Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and famine thou shalt laugh:
Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field:

And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tabernacle shall be in peace;

And thou shalt visit thy habitation, and shalt not sin.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great.

And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,
Like as a shock of corn cometh in in his season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is;
Hear it, and know thou it for thy good.

6 But Job answered and said,

2 Oh that my grief were thoroughly weighed,
And my calamity laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the sea:

Therefore my words are swallowed up.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,

The poison whereof drinketh up my spirit:
The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?
Or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which is unsavory be eaten without salt?

Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?

7 The things that my soul refused to touch
Are as my sorrowful meat.

8 O that I might have my request;
And that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9 Even that it would please God to destroy me;
That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have comfort;

Yea, I would harden myself in sorrow:
Let him not spare; for I have not concealed the words of the Holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should hope?
And what is mine end, that I should prolong my life?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of brass?

13 Is not my help in me?
And is wisdom driven quite from me?

14 To him that is afflicted, pity should be showed from his friend;

But he forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook,

And as the stream of brooks they pass away;

16 Which are blackish by reason of the ice,

And wherein the snow is hid:

17 What time they wax warm, they vanish:
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 The paths of their way are turned aside;
They go to nothing, and perish.

19 The troops of Tema looked,
The companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were confounded because they had hoped;

They came thither, and were ashamed.

21 For now ye are nothing;

Ye see my casting down, and are afraid.

22 Did I say, Bring unto me?

Or, Give a reward for me of your substance?

23 Or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand?

Or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my tongue:

And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are right words!

But what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words,

And the speeches of one that is desperate,
Which are as wind?

27 Yea, ye overwhelm the fatherless,

And ye dig a pit for your friend.

28 Now therefore be content, look upon me;

For it is evident unto you if I lie.

29 Return, I pray you, let it not be iniquity;

Yea, return again, my righteousness is in it.

30 Is there iniquity in my tongue?

Cannot my tale discern perverse things?

7 Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth?

Are not his days also like the days of an hireling?

2 As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow,
And as an hireling looketh for the reward of his work:

3 So am I made to possess months of vanity,
And wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise,
And the night be gone?

And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;

My skin is broken, and become loathsome.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.

7 O remember that my life is wind:

Mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more:

Thine eyes are upon me, and I am not.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away:

So he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house,
Neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth;

I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;

I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a whale, that thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,

My couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,

And terrifiest me through visions:

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than my life.

16 I loathe it; I would not live alway;

Let me alone; for my days are vanity

17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him?

And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him?

18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning,

And try him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not depart from me.

Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 I have sinned: what shall I do unto thee.

O thou preserver of men? why hast thou set me as a mark against thee.

So that I am a burden to myself?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression,

And take away mine iniquity?

For now shall I sleep in the dust;

And thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.

8 THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these things?

And how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a strong wind?

3 Dost God pervert judgment?

Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 If thy children have sinned against him.

And he have cast them away for their transgression;

5 If thou wouldst seek unto God betimes.

And make thy supplication to the Almighty;

6 If thou wert pure and upright;

Surely now he would awake for thee.

And make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 Though thy beginning was small.

Yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age,

And prepare thyself to the search of their fathers:

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing.

Because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee.

And utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the rush grow up without mire?

Can the flag grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down,

It withereth before any other herb.

13 So are the paths of all that forget God;

And the hypocrite's hope shall perish:

14 Whose hope shall be cut off.

And whose trust shall be a spider's web.

15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand:

He shall hold it fast, but it shall not endure.

16 He is green before the sun,

And his branch shooteth forth in his garden.

17 His roots are wrapped about the heap,

And seeth the place of stones.

18 Will he destroy him from his place.

Then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.

19 Behold, this is the joy of his way.

And out of the earth shall others grow.

20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,

Neither will he help the evil doers:

21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing,

And thy lips with rejoicing.

22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame;

And the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to nought.

9 Then Job answered and said,

2 I know it is so of a truth:

But how should man be just with God?

3 If he will contend with him.

He cannot answer him one of a thousand.

4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength:

Who hath hardened himself against him, and hath prospered?

5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know not:

Which overturneth them in his anger.

6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place, And the pillars thereof tremble.

7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not;

And sealeth up the stars.

8 Which alonē spreadeth out the heavens,

And treadeth upon the waves of the sea.

9 Which maketh Arcturus, Orion,

And Pleiades, and the chambers of the south.

10 Which doeth great things past finding out; Yea, and wonders without number.

11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not:

He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.

12 Behold, he taketh away, who can hinder him?

Who will say unto him, What doest thou?

13 If God will not withdraw his anger.

The proud helpers do stoop under him.

14 How much less shall I answer him.

And choose out my words to reason with him?

15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer.

But I would make supplication to my judge.

16 If I had called, and he had answered me;

Yet would I not believe that he had hearkened unto my voice.

17 For he breaketh me with a tempest.

And multiplieth my wounds without cause.

18 He will not suffer me to take my breath,

But filleth me with bitterness.

19 If I speak of strength, lo, he is strong:

And if of judgment, who shall set me a time to plead?

20 If I justify myself, mine own mouth shall condemn me:

If I say, I am perfect, it shall also prove me perverse.

21 Though I were perfect, yet would I not let go my soul:

I would despise my life.

22 This is one thing, therefore I said it.

He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked,

33 If the scourge slay suddenly.

He will laugh at the trial of the innocent.

24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked:

He covereth the faces of the judges thereof; If not, where, and who is he?

25 Now my days are swifter than a post:

They flee away, they see no good.

26 They are passed away as the swift ships:

As the eagle that hasteth to the prey.

27 If I say, I will forget my complaint,

I will leave off my heaviness, and comfort myself:

28 I am afraid of all my sorrows,

I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.

29 If I be wicked, why then labor I in vain?

30 If I wash myself with snow-water.

And make my hands never so clean;

- 31 Yet shalt thou plunge me in the ditch,
And mine own clothes shall abhor me.
- 32 For *he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him,*
And we should come together in judgment.
- 33 Neither is there any daysman betwixt us,
That might lay his hand upon us both.
- 34 Let him take his rod away from me,
And let not his fear terrify me:
- 35 *Then would I speak, and not fear him;
But it is not so with me.*
- 10 My soul is weary of my life;
I will leave my complaint upon myself:
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
- 2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me;
Show me wherefore thou contendest with me.
- 3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldst oppress,
That thou shouldst despise the work of thine hands,
And shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
- 4 Hast thou eyes of flesh?
Or seest thou as man seeth?
- 5 Are thy days as the days of man?
Are thy years as man's days,
- 6 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity,
And searchest after my sin?
- 7 Thou knowest that I am not wicked;
And *there is none that can deliver out of thine hand.*
- 8 Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about;
Yet thou dost destroy me.
- 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast made me as the clay;
And wilt thou bring me into dust again?
- 10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk,
And curdled me like cheese?
- 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh,
And hast fenced me with bones and sinews.
- 12 Thou hast granted me life and favor,
And thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.
- 13 And these *things* hast thou bid in thine heart:
I know that this is with thee.
- 14 If I sin, then thou markest me,
And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
- 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me;
And if I be righteous, yet will I not lift up my head.
I am full of confusion;
- 16 Therefore see thou mine affliction; *'for it increaseth.*
Thou huntest me as a fierce lion:
And again thou showest thyself marvellous upon me.
- 17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
And increasest thine indignation upon me;
Changes and war are against me.
- 18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me for h out of the womb?
Oh that I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me!
- 19 I should have been as though I had not been;
I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
- 20 Are not my days few?
Cease *then*, and let me alone,
That I may take comfort a little.
- 21 Before I go *whence* I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and the shadow of death;
- 22 A land of darkness, as darkness itself;

And of the shadow of death, without any order,
And *where* the light is as darkness.

11 THEN answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

- 2 Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be justified?
- 3 Should thy lies make men hold their peace?
And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
- 4 For thou hast said, My doctrine is pure,
And I am clean in thine eyes.
- 5 But *Oh that God would speak,*
And open his lips against thee;
- 6 And that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom,
That *they are* double to that which is!
Know therefore that God exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity *deserveth.*
- 7 Canst thou by searching find out God?
Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?
- 8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou do?
Deeper than hell; what canst thou know?
- 9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
- 10 If he cut off, and shut up, or gather together,
Then who can hinder him?
- 11 For he knoweth vain men:
He seeth wickedness also;
Will he not then consider it?
- 12 For vain man would be wise,
Though man be born *like* a wild ass's colt.
- 13 If thou prepare thine heart,
And stretch out thine hands towards him;
- 14 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away,
And let not wickedness dwell in thy tabernacles.
- 15 For then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
Yea, thou shalt be stedfast, and shalt not fear:
- 16 Because thou shalt forget *thy* misery,
And remember it as waters that pass away:
- 17 And *thine* age shall be clearer than the noon-day;
Thou shalt shine forth, thou shalt be as the morning.
- 18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;
Yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.
- 19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid;
Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.
- 20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
And they shall not escape.
And their hope shall be as the giving up of the ghost.
- 12 And Job answered and said,
- 2 No doubt but ye are the people,
And wisdom shall die with you.
- 3 But I have understanding as well as you;
I am not inferior to you:
Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?
- 4 I am as one mocked of his neighbor,
Who calleth upon God, and he answereth him:
The just upright man is laughed to scorn.
- 5 He that is ready to slip with his feet

- Is as a lamp despised in the thought of him that is at ease.*
- 6 The tabernacles of robbers prosper,
And they that provoke God are secure;
Into whose hand God bringeth *abundantly*.
- 7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee;
And the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:
8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee:
And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.
- 9 Who knoweth not in all these
That the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?
- 10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,
And the breath of all mankind.
- 11 Doth not the ear try words?
And the mouth taste his meat?
- 12 With the ancient is wisdom;
And in length of days undersanding.
- 13 With him is wisdom and strength.
He hath counsel and understanding.
- 14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again:
He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.
- 15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up:
Also he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.
- 16 With him is strength and wisdom:
The deceived and the deceiver are his.
- 17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled,
And maketh the judges fools.
- 18 He looseth the bond of kings,
And girdeth their loins with a girdle.
- 19 He leadeth princes away spoiled,
And overthroweth the mighty.
- 20 He removeth away the speech of the trusty,
And taketh away the understanding of the aged.
- 21 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And weakeneth the strength of the mighty.
- 22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness,
And bringeth out to light the shadow of death.
- 23 He enlargeth the nations, and destroyeth them:
He enlargeth the nations, and straiteneth them *again*.
- 24 He taketh away the heart of the chief of the people of the earth,
And causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.
- 25 They grope in the dark without light,
And he maketh them to stagger like a drunken man.
- 13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all this,
Mine ear hath heard and understood it.
- 2 What ye know, the same do I know also:
I am not inferior unto you.
- 3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty,
And I desire to reason with God.
- 4 But ye are forgers of lies,
Ye are all physicians of no value.
- 5 O that ye would altogether hold your peace!
And it should be your wisdom.
- 6 Hear now my reasoning,
And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.
- 7 Will ye speak wickedly for God?
And talk deceitfully for him?
- 8 Will ye accept his person?
Will ye contend for God?
- 9 Is it good that he should search you out?
Or as one man mocketh another, do ye so mock him?
- 10 He will surely reprove you, if ye do secretly accept persons.
- 11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid?
And his dread fall upon you?
- 12 Your remembrances are like unto ashes,
Your bodies to bodies of clay.
- 13 Hold your peace, let me alone,
That I may speak.
And let come on me what will.
- 14 Wherefore do I take my flesh in my teeth,
And put my life in mine hand?
- 15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:
But I will maintain mine own ways before him.
- 16 He also shall be my salvation:
For an hypocrite shall not come before him.
- 17 Hear diligently my speech,
And my declaration with your ears.
- 18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause
I know that I shall be justified.
- 19 Who is he that will plead with me?
For now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the ghost.
- 20 Only do not two things unto me:
Then will I not hide myself from thee.
- 21 Withdraw thine hand far from me:
And let not thy dread make me afraid.
- 22 Then call thou, and I will answer:
Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
- 23 How many are mine iniquities and sins?
Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
- 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And holdest me for thine enemy?
- 25 Wilt thou break a leaf driven to and fro?
And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?
- 26 For thou writest bitter things against me,
And makest me to possess the iniquities of my youth.
- 27 Thou piercest my feet also in the stocks,
And bearest narrowly unto all my paths:
Thou settest a print upon the heels of my feet.
- 28 And he, as a rotten thing, consumeth,
As a garment that is moth-eaten.
- 14 Min that is born of a woman
Is of few days, and full of trouble.
- 2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down:
He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
- 3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such an one,
And bringest me into judgment with thee?
- 4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.
- 5 Seeing his days are determined,
The number of his months are with thee.
Thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
- 6 Turn from him, that he may rest,
Till he shall accomplish, as an hireling, his day.
- 7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down,
That it will sprout again.
And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
- 8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth,
And the stock thereof die in the ground;

- 9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud,
And bring forth boughs like a plant.
- 10 But man die'h. and wasteth away:
Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where
is he?
- 11 As the waters fail from the sea.
And the flood decayeth and drieth up:
- 12 So man lieth down, and riseth not:
Till the heavens be no more, they shall not
awake,
Nor be raised out of their sleep.
- 13 O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave,
That thou wouldest keep me secret, until
thy wrath be past,
That thou wouldest appoint me a set time,
and remember me!
- 14 If a man die, shall he live again?
All the days of my appointed time will I
wait, till my change come.
- 15 Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee:
Thou wilt have a desire to the work of
thine hands.
- 16 For now thou numberest my steps:
Dost thou not watch over my sin?
- 17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
And thou sewest up mine iniquity.
- 18 And sorely the mountain falling cometh to
nought,
And the rock is removed out of his place.
- 19 The waters wear the stones:
Thou wastest away the things which grow
out of the dust of the earth;
And thou destroyest the hope of man.
- 20 Thou prevailest for ever against him, and
he passeth:
Thou changest his countenance, and sendest
him away.
- 21 His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it
not;
And they are brought low, but he perceiveth
it not of them.
- 22 But his flesh upon him shall have pain,
And his soul within him shall mourn.

15 THEN answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

- 2 Should a wise man utter vain knowledge,
And fill his belly with the east wind?
- 3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk?
Or with speeches where will he can do no
good?
- 4 Yea, thou castest off fear,
And restrainest prayer before God.
- 5 For thy mouth uttereth thine iniquity,
And thou choicest the tongue of the crafty.
- 6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and
not I:
Yea, thine own lips testify against thee.
- 7 Art thou the first man that was born?
Or wast thou made before the hills?
- 8 Hast thou heard the secret of God?
And dost thou restrain wisdom to thyself?
- 9 What knowest thou, that we know not?
What understandest thou, which is not in us?
- 10 With us are both the gray-headed and very
aged men,
Much elder than thy father.
- 11 Are the consolations of God small with thee?
Is there any secret thing with thee?
- 12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away?
And what do thy eyes wink at,
- 13 That thou turnest thy spirit against God,
And lettest such words go out of thy mouth?
- 14 What is man, that he should be clean?

- And he which is born of a woman, that he
should be righteous?
- 15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his saints;
Yea, the heavens are not clean in his sight.
- 16 How much more abominable and filthy is
man,
Which drinketh iniquity like water?
- 17 I will shew thee, hear me;
And that which I have seen I will declare;
- 18 Which wise men have told from their
fathers,
And have not hid it:
- 19 Unto whom alone the earth was given,
And no stranger passed among them.
- 20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all
his days,
And the number of years is hidden to the
oppressor.
- 21 A dreadful sound is in his ears:
In prosperity the destroyer shall come upon
him.
- 22 He believeth not that he shall return out of
darkness,
And he is waited for of the sword.
- 23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying,
Where is it?
- He knoweth that the day of darkness is
ready at his hand,
- 24 Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid;
They shall prevail against him, as a king
ready to the battle.
- 25 For he stretcheth out his hand against God,
And strengtheneth himself against the Al-
mighty.
- 26 He runneth upon him, open on his neck,
Upon the thick bosses of his bucklers:
- 27 Because he covereth his face with his fat-
ness,
And maketh collops of fat on his flanks.
- 28 And he dwelleth in desolate cities,
And in houses which no man inhabiteth,
Which are ready to become heaps.
- 29 He shall not be rich,
Neither shall his substance continue,
Neither shall he prolong the perfection
thereof upon the earth.
- 30 He shall not depart out of darkness;
The flame shall dry up his branches,
And by the breath of his mouth shall he go
away.
- 31 Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity:
For vanity shall be his recompense.
- 32 It shall be accomplished before his time,
And his branch shall not be green.
- 33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as the
vine,
And shall cast off his flower as the olive.
- 34 For the congregation of hypocrites shall be
desolate,
And fire shall consume the tabernacles of
bravery.
- 35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth
vanity,
And their belly prepareth deceit.

16 Then Job answered and said,

- 2 I have heard many such things:
Miserable comforters are ye all.
- 3 Shall vain words have an end?
Or what emboldeneth thee that thou an-
swerest?
- 4 I also could speak as ye do:
If your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could heap up words against you, and
shake mine head at you.

- 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth,
And the moving of my lips should assuage
your grief.
- 6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged:
And though I forbear, what am I eased?
- 7 But now he hath made me weary:
Thou hast made desolate all my company.
- 8 And thou hast filled me with wrinkles,
which is a witness against me:
And my leanness rising up in me beareth
witness to my face.
- 9 He teareth me in his wrath, who hateth me:
He gnasheth upon me with his teeth;
Mine enemy sharpeneth his eyes upon me.
- 10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth:
They have smitten me upon the cheek re-
proachfully;
They have gathered themselves together
against me.
- 11 God hath delivered me to the ungodly,
And turned me over into the hands of the
wicked.
- 12 I was at ease, but he hath broken me
asunder:
He hath also taken me by my neck,
And shaken me to pieces, and set me up for
his mark.
- 13 His archers compass me round about,
He cleaveth my reins asunder, and doth not
spare;
He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
- 14 He breaketh me with breach upon breach.
He runneth upon me like a giant.
- 15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
And centred my horn in the dust.
- 16 My face is foul with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death:
Not for any injustice in mine hands:
Also my prayer is pure.
- 17 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry have no place.
- 18 Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven,
And my record is on high.
- 20 My friends scorn me:
But mine eye poureth out tears unto God.
- 21 O that one might plead for a man with
God,
As a man pleadeth for his neighbor!
- 22 When a few years are come,
Then I shall go the way whence I shall not
return.
- 17 My breath is corrupt, my days are extinct,
The graves are ready for me.
- 2 Are there not mockers with me?
And doth not mine eye continue in their
provocation?
- 3 Lay down now, put me in a surety with
thee;
Who is he that will strike hands with me?
For thou hast hid their heart from under-
standing:
Therefore shalt thou not exalt them.
- 5 He that speaketh flattery to his friends,
Even the eyes of his children shall fail.
- 6 He hath made me also a byword of the
people:
And aforetime I was as a tabret.
- 7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow,
And all my members are as a shadow.
- 8 Upright men shall be astonished at this,
And the innocent shall stir up himself
against the hypocrite.
- 9 The righteous also shall hold on his way,
And he that hath clean hands shall be
stronger and stronger.
- 10 But as for you all, do ye return, and come
now:
For I cannot find one wise man among you.
- 11 My days are past, my purposes are broken
off:
Even the thoughts of my heart.
- 12 They change the night into day:
The light is short because of darkness.
- 13 If I wait, the grave is mine house:
I have made my bed in the darkness.
- 14 I have said to corruption, Thou art my
father:
To the worm, Thou art my mother, and
my sister.
- 15 And where is now my hope?
As for my hope, who shall see it?
- 16 They shall go down to the bars of the pit,
When our rest together is in the dust.
- 18 THEN answered Bildad the
Shuhite, and said,
- 2 How long will it be ere ye make an end of
words?
Mark, and after-wards we will speak.
- 3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
And reputed vile in your sight?
- 4 He reproveth himself in his anger:
Shall the earth be forsaken for thee?
And shall the rock be removed out of his
place?
- 5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out,
And the spark of his fire shall not shine.
- 6 The light shall be dark in his tabernacle:
And his candle shall be put out with a blow.
- 7 The steps of his strength shall be made weak,
And his own counsel shall cast him down.
- 8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,
And he walketh upon a snare.
- 9 The gin shall take him by the heel,
And the robber shall prevail against him.
- 10 The snare is laid for him in the ground,
And a trap for him in the way.
- 11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side,
And shall drive him to his feet.
- 12 His strength shall be hunger-pined,
And destruction shall be ready at his side.
- 13 It shall devour the strength of his skin:
Even the first-born of death shall devour his
strength.
- 14 His confidence shall be rooted out of his
tabernacle,
And it shall bring him in the hour of terrors.
- 15 It shall dwell in his tabernacle, because it is
the name of his:
Drumming shall be scattered upon his habi-
tation.
- 16 His roots shall be dried up beneath,
And above shall his branch be cut off.
- 17 His remembrance shall perish from the
earth,
And he shall have no name in the street.
- 18 He shall be driven from light into dark-
ness,
And chased out of the world.
- 19 He shall neither have son nor nephew
among his people,
Nor any remaining in his dwellings.
- 20 They that come after him shall be astonished
at his day,
As they that went before were affrighted.
- 21 Surely such are the dwellings of the
wicked,
And this is the place of him that knoweth
not God.

19 Then Job answered and said,

- 2 How long will ye vex my soul,
And break me in pieces with words?
- 3 These ten times have ye reproached me:
Ye are not ashamed *that* ye make yourselves
strange to me.
- 4 And be it indeed *that* I have erred,
Mine error remaineth with myself.
- 5 If indeed ye will magnify *yourselves* against
me,
And plead against me my reproach:
- 6 Know now that God hath overthrown me,
And hath compassed me with his net.
- 7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not
heard:
I cry aloud, but *there is* no judgment.
- 8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot
pass,
And he hath set darkness in my paths.
- 9 He hath stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown from my head.
- 10 He hath destroyed me on every side, and I
am gone:
And mine hope hath he removed like a tree.
- 11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me,
And he counteth me unto him as *one of* his
enemies.
- 12 His troops come together, and raise up their
way against me.
And encamp round about my tabernacle.
- 13 He hath put my brethren far from me,
And mine acquaintance are verily estranged
from me.
- 14 My kinsfolk have failed,
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.
- 15 They that dwell in mine house, and my
maids, count me for a stranger:
I am an alien in their sight.
- 16 I called my servant, and he gave *me* no
answer:
I intreated him with my mouth.
- 17 My breath is strange to my wife,
Though I intreated for the children's sake
of mine own body.
- 18 Yea, young children despised me;
I arose, and they spake against me.
- 19 All my inward friends abhorred me;
And they whom I loved are turned against
me.
- 20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my
flesh,
And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.
- 21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me. O
ye my friends;
For the hand of God hath touched me.
- 22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?
- 23 Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were printed in a book!
- 24 That they were graven with an iron pen
And lead in the rock for ever!
- 25 For I know *that* my Redeemer liveth,
And *that* he shall stand at the latter day
upon the earth:
- 26 And *though* after my skin worms destroy
this body,
Yet in my flesh shall I see God:
- 27 Whom I shall see for myself.
And mine eyes shall behold, and not an-
other;
Though my reins be consumed within me.
- 28 But ye should say, 'Why persecute we him,'
Seeing the root of the matter is found in me?
- 29 Be ye afraid of the sword:

For wrath *bringeth* the punishments of the
sword,
That ye may know *there is* a judgment.

20 THEN answered Zophar the
Naamathite, and said,

- 2 Therefore do my thoughts cause me to an-
swer,
And for *this* I make haste.
- 3 I have heard the check of my reproach,
And the spirit of my understanding causeth
me to answer.
- 4 Knowest thou *not* this of old,
Since man was placed upon earth,
5 That the triumphing of the wicked *is* short,
And the joy of the hypocrite *but* for a mo-
ment?
- 6 Though his excellency mount up to the
heavens,
And his head reach unto the clouds;
- 7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own
dung:
They which have seen him shall say,
Where is he?
- 8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not
be found;
Yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of
the night.
- 9 The eye also *which* saw him shall *see him*
no more;
Neither shall his place any more behold
him.
- 10 His children shall seek to please the poor,
And his hand shall restore their goods.
- 11 His bones are full of *the sin* of his youth,
Which shall lie down with him in the dust;
- 12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,
Though he hide it under his tongue;
- 12 Though he spare it, and forsake it not,
Yet keep it still within his mouth:
- 14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned,
It is the gall of asps within him.
- 15 He hath swallowed down riches,
And he shall vomit them up again:
God shall cast them out of his belly.
- 16 He shall suck the poison of asps:
The viper's tongue shall slay him.
- 17 He shall not see the rivers,
The floods, the brooks of honey and butter.
- 18 That which he labored for shall he restore,
And shall not swallow it down:
According to *his* substance *shall* the resti-
tution be,
And he shall not rejoice *therein*.
- 19 Because he hath oppressed *and* hath for-
saken the poor;
Because he hath violently taken away an
house which he builded not;
- 20 Surely he shall not feel quietness in his belly,
He shall not save of that which he desired.
- 21 There shall none of his meat be left;
Therefore shall no man look for his goods.
- 22 In the fullness of his sufficiency he shall be
in straits:
Every hand of the wicked shall come upon
him.
- 23 When he is about to fill his belly,
God shall cast the fury of his wrath upon
him.
And shall rain it upon him while he is
eating.
- 24 He shall flee from the iron weapon,
And the bow of steel shall strike him
through.

25 It is drawn, and cometh out of the body ;
Yea, the glittering sword cometh out of his
gall :

Terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness *shall* be hid in his secret places:
A fire not blown shall consume him ;
It shall go ill with him that is left in his
tabernacle.

27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity ;
And the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart,
And his goods shall flow away in the day
of his wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from
God,

And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

21 But Job answered and said,

2 Hear diligently my speech,
And let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me that I may speak ;
And after that I have spoken, mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaint to man ?
And if it were so, why should not my spirit
be troubled ?

5 Mark me, and be astonished,
And lay *your* hand upon *your* mouth.

6 Even when I remember I am afraid,
And trembling take hold on my flesh.

7 Wherefore do the wicked live,
Become old, yea, are mighty in power ?

8 Their seed is established in their sight with
them.
And their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses are safe from fear,
Neither is the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not ;
Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,
And their children dance.

12 They take the timbrel and harp,
And rejoice at the sound of the organ.

13 They spend their days in wealth,
And in a moment go down to the grave.

14 Therefore they say unto God, Depart from
us ;

For we desire not the knowledge of thy
ways.

15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve
him ?

And what profit should we have, if we pray
unto him ?

16 Lo, their good is not in their hand :
The counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 How oft is the candle of the wicked put out ?
And how oft cometh their destruction upon
them ?

God distributeth sorrows in his anger.

18 They are as stubble before the wind,
And as chaff that the storm carrieth away.

19 God layeth up his iniquity for his children :
He rewardeth him, and he shall know it.

20 His eyes shall see his destruction,
And he shall drink of the wrath of the Al-
mighty.

21 For what pleasure *hath* he in his house
after him,

When the number of his months is cut off
in the midst ?

22 Shall any teach God knowledge ?

Seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and quiet.

24 His breasts are full of milk,
And his bones are moistened with marrow.

25 And another dieth in the bitterness of his
soul,

And never eateth with pleasure.

26 They shall lie down alike in the dust,
And the worms shall cover them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the devices *which* ye wrongfully im-
agine against me.

28 For ye say, Where is the house of the
prince ?

And where *are* the dwelling-places of the
wicked ?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way ?
And do ye not know their tokens,

30 That the wicked is reserved to the day of
destruction ?

They shall be brought forth to the day of
wrath.

31 Who shall declare his way to his face ?

And who shall repay him *what* he hath
done ?

32 Yet shall he be brought to the grave,
And shall remain in the tomb.

33 The clouds of the valley shall be sweet unto
him,

And every man shall draw after him, as
there are innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me in vain,
Seeing in your answers there remaineth
falsehood ?

22 THEN Eliphaz the Temanite
answered and said,

2 Can a man be profitable unto God

As he that is wise may be profitable unto
himself ?

3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that
thou art righteous ?

Or is it gain *to him*, that thou makest thy
ways perfect ?

4 Will he reprove thee for fear of thee ?

Will he enter with thee into judgment ?

5 Is not thy wickedness great ?

And thine iniquities infinite ?

6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy
brother for nought,

And stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast given water to the weary to
drink,

And thou hast withholden bread from the
hungry.

8 But as for the mighty man, he had the
earth ;

And the honorable man dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty,
And the arms of the fatherless have been
broken.

10 Therefore snares are round about thee,
And sudden fear troubleth thee ;

11 Or darkness, that thou canst not see ;
And abundance of waters cover thee.

12 Is not God in the height of heaven ?

And behold the height of the stars, how
high they are !

13 And thou sayest, How doth God know ?

Can he judge through the dark cloud ?

14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, that he
seeth not ;

And he walketh in the circuit of heaven.

15 Hast thou marked the old way

Which wicked men have trodden ?

16 Which were cut down out of time,
Whose foundation was overflown with a
flood :

- 17 Which said unto God, Depart from us :
And what can the Almighty do for them ?
- 18 Yet he filled their houses with good things :
But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.
- 19 The righteous see it, and are glad :
And the innocent laugh them to scorn.
- 20 Whereas our substance is not cut down,
But the remnant of them the fire consume'th.
- 21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace :
Thereby good shall come unto thee.
- 22 Receive, I pray thee, the law from his mouth,
And lay up his words in thine heart.
- 23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up,
Thou shalt put away iniquity far from thy tabernacles.
- 24 Then shalt thou lay up gold as dust,
And the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks.
- 25 Yea, the Almighty shall be thy defence,
And thou shalt have plenty of silver.
- 26 For then shalt thou have thy delight in the Almighty,
And shalt lift up thy face unto God.
- 27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee,
And thou shalt pay thy vows.
- 28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee :
And the light shall shine upon thy ways.
- 29 When men are cast down, then thou shalt say, *There is lifting up ;*
And he shall save the humble person.
- 30 He shall deliver the island of the innocent :
And it is delivered by the pureness of thine hands.
- 23** Then Job answered and said,
2 Even to-day is my complaint bitter :
My stroke is heavier than my groaning.
3 Oh that I knew where I might find him !
That I might come even to his seat !
4 I would order *my* cause before him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.
5 I would know the words *which* he would answer me,
And understand what he would say unto me.
6 Will he plead against me with *his* great power ?
No ; but he would put *strength* in me.
7 There the righteous might dispute with him ;
So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.
8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not *there ;*
And backward, but I cannot perceive him :
9 On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him :
He hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him :
10 But he knoweth the way that I take :
When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
11 My foot hath held his steps,
His way have I kept, and not declined.
12 Neither have I gone back from the commandment of his lips ;
I have esteemed the words of his mouth more than my necessary food.
13 But he is in one mind, and who can turn him ?
And *what* his soul desireth, even *that* he doeth.
14 For he performeth the thing that is appointed for me :
And many such things are with him.
- 15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence :
When I consider, I am afraid of him.
- 16 For God maketh my heart soft,
And the Almighty troubleth me :
17 Because I was not cut off before the darkness,
Neither hath he covered the darkness from my face.
24 Why, seeing times are not hidden from the Almighty,
Do they that know him not see his days ?
2 Some remove the landmarks ;
They violently take away flocks, and feed *thereof*.
3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless,
They take the widow's ox for a pledge.
4 They turn the needy out of the way :
The poor of the earth hide themselves together.
5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert, go they forth to their work ;
Rising betimes for a prey :
The wilderness *yieldeth* food for them *and for their children.*
6 They reap *every one* his corn in the field :
And they gather the vintage of the wicked.
7 They cause the naked to lodge without clothing,
That they have no covering in the cold.
8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains,
And embrace the rock for want of a shelter.
9 They pluck the fatherless from the breast,
And take a pledge of the poor.
10 They cause *him* to go naked without clothing,
And they take away the sheaf *from* the hungry ;
11 *Which* make oil within their walls,
And tread their wine-presses, and suffer thirst.
12 Men groan from out of the city, and the soul of the wounded crieth out :
Yet God layeth not folly *to them.*
13 They are of those that rebel against the light ;
They know not the ways thereof, nor abide in the paths thereof.
14 The murderer rising with the light killeth the poor and needy,
And in the night is as a thief.
15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,
Saying, No eye shall see me :
And disguiseth *his* face.
16 In the dark they dig through houses,
Which they had marked for themselves in the day-time ;
They know not the light.
17 For the morning is to them even as the shadow of death :
If one know them, they are in the terrors of the shadow of death.
18 He is swift as the waters ;
Their portion is cursed in the earth :
He beareth not the way of the vineyards,
19 Drought and heat consume the snow-waters :
So doth the grave those which have sinned.
20 The womb shall forget him ;
The worm shall feed sweetly on him ;
He shall be no more remembered :
And wickedness shall be broken as a tree.
21 He evil entreatheth the barren *that* beareth not :
And doeth not good to the widow.
22 He draweth also the mighty with his power :
He riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

23 *Though it be given him to be in safety,
whereon he resteth;*

Yet his eyes are upon their ways.

24 *They are exalted for a little while,
But are gone and brought low;
'They are taken out of the way as all other,
And cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.*

25 *And if it be not so now,
Who will make me a liar,
And make my speech nothing worth?*

25 THEN answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 *Dominion and fear are with him,*

He maketh peace in his high places.

3 *Is there any number of his armies?*

And upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 *How then can man be justified with God?
Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?*

5 *Behold even to the moon, and it shineth not;
Yea, the stars are not pure in his sight.*

6 *How much less man, that is a worm?
And the son of man, which is a worm?*

26 But Job answered and said,

2 *How hast thou helped him that is without power?*

How savest thou the arm that hath no strength?

3 *How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom?*

And how hast thou plentifully declared the thing as it is?

4 *To whom hast thou uttered words?*

And whose spirit came from thee?

5 *Dead things are formed from under the waters,*

And the inhabitants thereof.

6 *Hell is naked before him,
And destruction hath no covering.*

7 *He stretcheth out the north over the empty place,
And hangeth the earth upon nothing.*

8 *He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds;
And the cloud is not rent under them.*

9 *He holdeth back the face of his throne,
And spreadeth his cloud upon it.*

10 *He hath compassed the waters with bounds,
Until the day and night come to an end.*

11 *The pillars of heaven tremble
And are astonished at his reproof.*

12 *He divideth the sea with his power,
And by his understanding he smiteth through the proud.*

13 *By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens;
His hand hath formed the crooked serpent.*

14 *Lo, these are parts of his ways:
But how little a portion is heard of him?*

But the thunder of his power who can understand?

27 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,

2 *As God liveth, who hath taken away my judgment;*

And the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;

3 *All the while my breath is in me,
And the spirit of God is in my nostrils;*

4 *My lips shall not speak wickedness,
Nor my tongue utter deceit.*

5 *God forbid that I should justify you:
Till I die I will not remove mine integrity from me.*

6 *My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go:*

My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.

7 *Let mine enemy be as the wicked,
And he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.*

8 *For what is the hope of the hypocrite,
Though he hath gained, when God taketh away his soul?*

9 *Will God hear his cry*

When trouble cometh upon him?

10 *Will he delight himself in the Almighty?*

Will he always call upon God?

11 *I will teach you by the hand of God:*

That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.

12 *Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it;*

Why then are ye thus altogether vain?

13 *This is the portion of a wicked man with God,*

And the heritage of oppressors, which they shall receive of the Almighty.

14 *If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword:*

And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

15 *Those that remain of him shall be buried in death:*

And his widows shall not weep.

16 *Though he heap up silver as the dust,*

And prepare raiment as the clay;

17 *He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on,*

And the innocent shall divide the silver.

18 *He buildeth his house as a moth,*

And as a booth that the keeper maketh.

19 *The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered:*

He openeth his eyes, and he is not.

20 *Terrors take hold on him as waters,*

A tempest sealeth him away in the night.

21 *The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth:*

And as a storm hurleth him out of his place.

22 *For God shall cast upon him, and not spare:*

He would fain flee out of his hand.

23 *Men shall clap their hands at him,*

And shall hiss him out of his place.

28 *Surely there is a vein for the silver,*

And a place for gold where they find it.

2 *Iron is taken out of the earth,*

And brass is molten out of the stone.

3 *He setteth an end to darkness, and searcheth out all perfection:*

The stones of darkness, and the shadow of death.

4 *The flood breaketh out from the inhabitant;
Even the waters forgotten of the foot:*

They are dried up, they are gone away from men.

5 *As for the earth, out of it cometh bread:*

And under it is turned up as it were fire.

6 *The stones of it are the place of sapphires:
And it hath dust of gold.*

7 *There is a path which no fowl knoweth,
And which the vulture's eye hath not seen;*

*The lion's whelps have not trodden it,
Nor the fierce lion passed by it.*

9 *He putteth forth his hand upon the rock;
He overturneth the mountains by the roots.*

10 *He cutteth out rivers among the rocks;*

And his eye seeth every precious thing.

11 *He bindeth the floods from overflowing;*

- And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.
- 12 But where shall wisdom be found ?
And where is the place of understanding ?
- 13 Man knoweth not the price thereof ;
Neither is it found in the land of the living.
- 14 The depth saith, It is not in me :
And the sea saith, It is not with me.
- 15 It cannot be gotten for gold,
Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
- 16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir,
With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- 17 The gold and the crystal cannot equal it :
And the exchange of it shall not be for jewels of fine gold.
- 18 No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls :
For the price of wisdom is above rubies.
- 19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it,
Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
- 20 Whence then cometh wisdom ?
And where is the place of understanding ?
- 21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living,
And kept close from the fowls of the air.
- 22 Destruction and death say,
We have heard the fame thereof with our ears.
- 23 God understandeth the way thereof,
And he knoweth the place thereof.
- 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth,
And seeth under the whole heaven ;
- 25 To make the weight for the winds ;
And he weigheth the waters by measure.
- 26 When he made a decree for the rain,
And a way for the lightning of the thunder :
- 27 Then did he see it, and declare it ;
He prepared it, yea, and searched it out.
- 28 And unto man he said,
Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom ;
And to depart from evil is understanding.
- 29 Moreover Job continued his parable, and said,
- 2 Oh that I were as in months past,
As in the days when God preserved me ;
- 3 When his candle shined upon my head,
And when by his light I walked through darkness :
- 4 As I was in the days of my youth,
When the secret of God was upon my tabernacle ;
- 5 When the Almighty was yet with me,
When my children were about me ;
- 6 When I washed my steps with butter,
And the rock poured me out rivers of oil ;
- 7 When I went out to the gate through the city,
When I prepared my seat in the street ;
- 8 The young men saw me, and hid themselves :
And the aged arose, and stood up.
- 9 The princes refrained talking,
And laid their hand on their mouth.
- 10 The nobles held their peace,
And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
- 11 When the ear heard me, then it blessed me ;
And when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me :
- 12 Because I delivered the poor that cried,
And the fatherless, and him that had none to help him.
- 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me :
- And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.
- 14 I put on righteousness and it clothed me :
My judgment was as a robe and a diadem.
- 15 I was eyes to the blind,
And feet was I to the lame.
- 16 I was a father to the poor :
And the cause which I knew not I searched out.
- 17 And I brake the jaws of the wicked,
And plucked the spoil out of his teeth.
- 18 Then I said, I shall die in my nest,
And I shall multiply my days as the sand.
- 19 My root was spread out by the waters,
And the dew lay all night upon my branch.
- 20 My glory was fresh in me,
And my bow was renewed in my hand.
- 21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited,
And kept silence at my counsel.
- 22 After my words they spake not again ;
And my speech dropped upon them.
- 23 And they waited for me as for the rain ;
And they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
- 24 If I laughed on them, they believed it not ;
And the light of my countenance they cast not down.
- 25 I chose out their way, and sat chief, and dwelt as a king in the army,
As one that comforteth the mourners.
- 30 But now they that are younger than I have me in derision,
Whose fathers I would have disdained to have set with the dogs of my flock.
- 2 Yea, whereto might the strength of their hands profit me,
In whom old age was perished ?
- 3 For want and famine they were solitary ;
Fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste,
- 4 Who cut up mallows by the bushes,
And juniper-roots for their meat.
- 5 They were driven forth from among men,
(They cried after them as after a thief ;)
- 6 To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys,
In caves of the earth, and in the rocks.
- 7 Among the bushes they brayed ;
Under the nettles they were gathered together.
- 8 They were children of fools,
Yea, children of base men :
They were viler than the earth.
- 9 And now am I their song,
Yea, I am their byword.
- 10 They abhor me, they flee far from me,
And spare not to spit in my face.
- 11 Because he hath loosed my cord, and afflicted me,
They have also let loose the bridle before me.
- 12 Upon my right hand rise the youth ;
They push away my feet,
And they raise up against me the ways of their destruction.
- 13 They mar my path,
They set forward my calamity,
They have no helper.
- 14 They came upon me as a wide breaking in of waters :
In the desolation they rolled themselves upon me.
- 15 Terrors are turned upon me :
They pursue my soul as the wind :
And my welfare passeth away as a cloud.
- 16 And now my soul is poured out upon me ;

- The days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
- 17 My bones are pierced in me in the night-season:
And my sinews take no rest.
- 18 By the great force of my disease is my garment changed:
It bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
- 19 He hath cast me into the mire,
And I am become like dust and ashes.
- 20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not hear me:
I stand up, and thou regardest me not.
- 21 Thou art become cruel to me:
With thy strong hand thou opposest thyself against me.
- 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind;
Thou causest me to ride upon it, and dissolveth my substance.
- 23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death,
And to the house appointed for all living.
- 24 Howbeit he will not stretch out his hand to the grave,
Though they cry in his destruction.
- 25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble?
Was not my soul grieved for the poor?
- 26 When I looked for good, then evil came unto me:
And when I waited for light, there came darkness.
- 27 My bowels boiled, and rested not:
The days of affliction prevented me.
- 28 I went mourning without the sun:
I stood up, and I cried in the congregation.
- 29 I am a brother to dragons,
And a companion to owls.
- 30 My skin is black upon me,
And my bones are burned with heat.
- 31 My harp also is turned to mourning,
And my organ into the voice of them that weep.
- 31 I made a covenant with mine eyes;
Why then should I think upon a maid?
2 For what portion of God is there from above?
And what inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
3 Is not destruction to the wicked?
And a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not he see my ways,
And count all my steps?
5 If I have walked with vanity,
Or if my foot hath hastened to deceit;
6 Let me be weighed in an even balance,
That God may know mine integrity.
7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
And mine heart walked after mine eyes,
And if any blot hath cleaved to mine hands;
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat;
Yea, let my offspring be rooted out.
9 If mine heart have been deceived by a woman,
Or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's door;
10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.
11 For this is an heinous crime;
Yea, it is an iniquity to be punished by the judges.
12 For it is a fire that consumeth to destruction,
And would root out all mine increase.
13 If I did despise the cause of my man-servant or of my maid-servant,
When they contended with me;
14 What then shall I do when God riseth up?
And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?
- 15 Did not he that made me in the womb make him?
And did not one fashion us in the womb?
16 If I have withheld the poor from their desire,
Or have caused the eyes of the widow to fail;
17 Or have eaten my morsel myself alone,
And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;
18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me, as with a father,
And I have guided her from my mother's womb:)
19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing,
Or any poor without covering;
20 If his loins have not blessed me,
And if he were not warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless,
When I saw my help in the gate:
22 Then let mine arm fall from my shoulder-blade,
And mine arm be broken from the bone.
23 For destruction from God was a terror to me,
And by reason of his highness I could not endure.
24 If I have made gold my hope,
Or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence;
25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was great,
And because mine hand had gotten much;
26 If I beheld the sun when it shined,
Or the moon walking in brightness;
27 And my heart hath been secretly enticed,
Or my mouth hath kissed my hand:
28 This also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge:
For I should have denied the God that is above.
29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him that hated me,
Or lifted up myself when evil found him:
30 Neither have I suffered my mouth to sin
By wishing a curse to his soul.
31 If the men of my tabernacle said not,
Oh that we had of his flesh! we cannot be satisfied.
32 The stranger did not lodge in the street:
But I opened my doors to the traveller.
33 If I covered my transgressions as Adam,
By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:
34 Did I fear a great multitude,
Or did the contempt of families terrify me,
That I kept silence,
And went not out of the door?
35 Oh that one would hear me!
Behold, my desire is, that the Almighty would answer me,
And that mine adversary had written a book.
36 Surely I would take it upon my shoulder,
And bind it as a crown to me.
37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps:
As a prince would I go near unto him.
38 If my land cry against me,
Or that the furrows likewise thereof complain;
39 If I have eaten the fruits thereof without money,
Or have caused the owners thereof to lose their life,
40 Let thistles grow instead of wheat,
And cockle instead of barley.
The words of Job are ended.

So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he *was* **32** righteous in his own eyes.

THEN was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel **2** the Buzite, of the kindred of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified himself rather than God. Also **3** against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and *yet* had condemned Job. Now Elihu **4** had waited till Job had spoken, because they *were* elder than he. When Elihu saw that *there was* no answer in the mouth of *these* **5** three men, then his wrath was kindled. And Elihu the son of **6** Barachel the Buzite answered and said,

I am young, and ye are very old ;
Wherefore I was afraid, and durst not show
you mine opinion.
7 I said, Days should speak,
And multitude of years should teach wisdom.
8 But *there is* a spirit in man :
And the inspiration of the Almighty giveth
them understanding.
9 Great men are not *always* wise :
Neither do the aged understand judgment.
10 Therefore I said, Hearken to me ;
I also will show mine opinion.
11 Behold, I waited for your words ;
I gave ear to your reasons, whilst ye search-
ed out what to say.
12 Yea, I attended unto you,
And, behold, *there was* none of you that
convinced Job,
Or that answered his words :
13 Lest ye should say, We have found out
wisdom :
God thrusteth him down, not man.
14 Now he hath not directed *his* words against
me :
Neither will I answer him with your
speeches.
15 They were amazed, they answered no more :
They left off speaking.
16 When I had waited, (for they spake not,
But stood still, and answered no more ;)
17 *I said*, I will answer also my part,
I also will show mine opinion.
18 For I am full of matter,
The spirit within me constraineth me.
19 Behold, my belly is as wine *which* hath no
vent ;
It is ready to burst like new bottles.
20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed :
I will open my lips and answer.
21 Let me not, I pray you, accept any man's
person,
Neither let me give flattering titles unto man.
22 For I know not to give flattering titles ;
In so doing my maker would soon take me
away.
33 Wherefore, Job, I pray thee, hear my
speeches,
And hearken to all my words.
2 Behold, now I have opened my mouth,
My tongue hath spoken in my mouth.
3 My words *shall be* of the uprightness of my
heart :
And my lips shall utter knowledge clearly.
4 The Spirit of God hath made me,
And the breath of the Almighty hath given
me life.
5 If thou canst answer me,
Set *thy words* in order before me, stand up.

6 Behold, I *am* according to thy wish in
God's stead :
I also am formed out of the clay.
7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee
afraid,
Neither shall my hand be heavy upon thee.
8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing,
And I have heard the voice of *thy* words,
saying,
9 I am clean without transgression,
I am innocent ; neither *is there* iniquity in
me.
10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me ;
He counteth me for his enemy,
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks,
He marketh all my paths.
12 Behold, *in* this thou art not just :
I will answer thee, that God is greater than
man.
13 Why dost thou strive against him ?
For he giveth not account of any of his
matters.
14 For God speaketh once, yea twice,
Yet man perceiveth it not,
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falleth upon men,
In slumberings upon the bed ;
16 Then he openeth the ears of men,
And sealeth their instruction,
17 That he may withdraw man *from* his pur-
pose,
And hide pride from man.
18 He keepeth back his soul from the pit,
And his life from perishing by the sword.
19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed,
And the multitude of his bones with strong
pain :
20 So that his life abhorreth bread,
And his soul dainty meat.
21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot
be seen ;
And his bones *that* were not seen stick out.
22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the grave,
And his life to the destroyers.
23 If there be a messenger with him,
An interpreter, one among a thousand,
To show unto man his uprightness :
24 Then he is gracious unto him,
And saith, deliver him from going down to
the pit :
I have found a ransom.
25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's :
He shall return to the days of his youth :
26 He shall pray unto God,
And he will be favorable unto him :
And he shall see his face with joy :
For he will render unto man his righteous-
ness.

- 27 He looketh upon men,
And if any say, I have sinned,
And perverted that which was right, and it
profited me not;
28 He will deliver his soul from going into
the pit,
And his life shall see the light.
29 Lo, all these things worketh God often-
times with man,
30 To bring back his soul from the pit,
To be enlightened with the light of the
living.
31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me:
Hold thy peace, and I will speak.
32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me:
Speak, for I desire to justify thee.
33 If not, hearken unto me:
Hold thy peace, and I shall teach thee wis-
dom.

34 Furthermore Elihu answer- ed and said,

- 2 Hear my words, O ye wise men:
And give ear unto me, ye that have know-
ledge.
3 For the ear trieth words,
As the mouth tasteth meat.
4 Let us choose to us judgment:
Let us know among ourselves what is good.
5 For Job hath said, I am righteous:
And God hath taken away my judgment.
6 Should I lie against my right?
My wound is incurable without transgres-
sion.
7 What man is like Job,
Which drinketh up sorrow like water?
8 Which getteth in company with the workers
of iniquity,
And walketh with wicked men.
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing
That he should delight himself with God.
10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of
understanding:
Far be it from God, that he should do
wickedness;
And from the Almighty, that he should
conceal iniquity.
11 For the work of a man shall he render
unto him,
And cause every man to find according to
his ways.
12 Yea, surely God will not do wickedly,
Neither will the Almighty pervert judg-
ment.
13 Who hath given him a charge over the
earth?
Or who hath disposed the whole world?
14 If he set his heart upon man,
If he gather unto himself his spirit and his
breath;
15 All flesh shall perish together,
And man shall turn again unto dust.
16 If now thou hast understanding, hear this:
Hearken to the voice of my words.
17 Shall even he that hath eth right govern?
And wilt thou condemn him that is most
just?
18 Is it fit to say to a king, Thou art wicked?
And to princes, Ye are ungodly?
19 How much less to him that accepteth not
the persons of princes,
Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor?
For they all are the work of his hands.
20 In a moment shall they die,

- And the people shall be troubled at mid-
night, and pass away:
And the mighty shall be taken away with-
out hand.
21 For his eyes are upon the ways of man,
And he seeth all his goings.
22 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death,
Where the workers of iniquity may hide
themselves.
23 For he will not lay upon man more than
right:
That he should enter into judgment with
God.
24 He shall break in pieces mighty men with-
out number,
And set others in their stead.
25 Therefore he knoweth their works,
And he overturneth them in the night,
So that they are destroyed.
26 He striketh them as wicked men
In the open sight of others;
27 Because they turned back from him,
And would not consider any of his ways:
28 So that they cause the cry of the poor to
come unto him,
And he heareth the cry of the afflicted.
29 When he giveth quietness, who then can
make trouble?
And when he hideth his face, who then
can behold him?
Whether at he done against a nation, or
against a man only:
30 That the hypocrite reign not,
Lest the people be ensnared.
31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God,
I have borne chastisement, I will not offend
any more:
32 That which I see not teach thou me:
If I have done iniquity, I will do no more.
33 Should it be according to thy mind? he will
recompense it,
Whether thou refuse, or whether thou
choose:
And not I: therefore speak what thou
knowest.
34 Let men of understanding tell me,
And let a wise man hearken unto me.
35 Job hath spoken without knowledge,
And his words were without wisdom.
36 My desire is that Job may be tried unto
the end,
Because of his answers for wicked men.
37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin,
He clappeth his hands against us,
And multiplieth his words against God.

35 Elihu spake moreover, and said,

- 2 Thinkest thou this to be right,
That thou saydest, My righteousness is more
than God's?
3 For thou sayest, What advantage will it be
unto thee?
And, What profit shall I have, if I be
cleansed from my sin?
4 I will answer thee,
And thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens, and see:
And behold the clouds which are higher
than thou.
6 If thou sinnest, what dost thou against
him?
Or if thy transgressions be multiplied, what
dost thou unto him?

- 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him?
Or what receiveth he of thine hand?
- 8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art;
And thy righteousness may profit the son of man.
- 9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions
they make the oppressed to cry:
They cry out by reason of the arm of the mighty.
- 10 But none saith, Where is God my maker,
Who giveth songs in the night;
- 11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of
the earth,
And maketh us wiser than the fowls of
heaven?
- 12 There they cry, but none giveth answer,
Because of the pride of evil men.
- 13 Surely God will not hear vanity,
Neither will the Almighty regard it.
- 14 Although thou sayest, I shall not see him,
Yet judgment is before him;
Therefore trust thou in him.
- 15 But now, because it is not so, he hath visit-
ed in his anger;
Yet he knoweth it not in great extremity:
- 16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vain;
He multiplieth words without knowledge.
- 36** Elihu also proceeded, and
said,
- 2 Suffer me a little, and I will show thee
That I have yet to speak on God's behalf.
- 3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.
- 4 For truly my words shall not be false:
He that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.
- 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any;
He is mighty in strength and wisdom.
- 6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked:
But giveth right to the poor.
- 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the
righteous:
But with kings are they on the throne;
Yea, he doth establish them for ever, and
they are exalted.
- 8 And if they be bound in fetters,
And be holden in cords of affliction;
- 9 Then he sheweth them their work,
And their transgressions that they have ex-
ceeded.
- 10 He openeth also their ear to discipline,
And commandeth that they return from
iniquity.
- 11 If they obey and serve him,
They shall spend their days in prosperity,
And their years in pleasures.
- 12 But if they obey not,
They shall perish by the sword,
And they shall die without knowledge.
- 13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath:
They cry not when he bindeth them.
- 14 They die in youth,
And their life is among the unclean.
- 15 He delivereth the poor in his affliction,
And openeth their ears in oppression.
- 16 Even so would he have removed thee out
of the strait
Into a broad place, where there is no
straitness;
And that which should be set on thy table
should be full of fatness.
- 17 But thou hast fulfilled the judgment of the
wicked:
Judgment and justice take hold on thee.
- 18 Because there is wrath,
Beware lest he take thee away with his
stroke:
Then a great ransom cannot deliver thee.
- 19 Will he esteem thy riches?
No, not gold, nor all the forces of strength.
- 20 Desire not the night,
When people are cut off in their place.
- 21 Take heed, regard not iniquity:
For this hast thou chosen rather than afflic-
tion.
- 22 Behold, God exalteth by his power:
Who teacheth like him?
- 23 Who hath enjoined him his way?
Or who can say, Thou hast wrought iniquity?
- 24 Remember that thou magnify his work,
Which men behold.
- 25 Every man may see it;
Man may behold it afar off.
- 26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not,
Neither can the number of his years be
searched out.
- 27 For he maketh small the drops of water:
They pour down rain according to the
vapor thereof:
- 28 Which the clouds do drop
And distil upon man abundantly.
- 29 Also can any understand the spreadings of
the clouds,
Or the noise of his tabernacle?
- 30 Behold, he spreadeth his light upon it,
And covereth the bottom of the sea.
- 31 For by them judgeth he the people;
He giveth meat in abundance.
- 32 With clouds he covereth the light;
And commandeth it not to shine by the
cloud that cometh betwixt.
- 33 The noise thereof sheweth concerning it,
The cattle also concerning the vapor.
- 37** At this also my heart trembleth,
And is moved out of his place.
- 2 Hear attentively the noise of his voice,
And the sound that goeth out of his mouth
- 3 He directeth it under the whole heaven,
And his lightning unto the ends of the earth.
- 4 After it a voice roareth:
He thundereth with the voice of his excel-
lency;
And he will not stay them when his voice
is heard.
- 5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice;
Great things doeth he, which we cannot
comprehend.
- 6 For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the
earth;
Likewise to the small rain, and to the great
rain of his strength.
- 7 He sealeth up the hand of every man;
That all men may know his work.
- 8 Then the beasts go into dens,
And remain in their places.
- 9 Out of the south cometh the whirlwind:
And cold out of the north.
- 10 By the breath of God frost is given:
And the breadth of the waters is straitened.
- 11 Also by watering he wearieth the thick
cloud:
He scattereth his bright cloud:
- 12 And it is turned round about by his counsels:
That they may do whatsoever he command-
eth them
Upon the face of the world in the earth.
- 13 He causeth it to come, whether for correction,
Or for his land, or for mercy.
- 14 Harken unto this, O Job:

- Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.
- 15 Dost thou know when God disposed them,
And caused the light of his cloud to shine?
- 16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds,
The wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?
- 17 How thy garments are warm,
When he quieteth the earth by the south wind?
- 18 Hast thou with him spread out the sky,
Which is strong, and as a molten looking-glass?
- 19 Teach us what we shall say unto him;
For we cannot order *our speech* by reason of darkness.
- 20 Shall it be told him that I speak?
If a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.
- 21 And now *men* see not the bright light which is in the clouds;
But the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.
- 22 Fair weather cometh out of the north:
With God is terrible majesty.
- 23 *Touching* the Almighty, we cannot find him out:
He is excellent in power, and in judgment, and in plenty of justice:
He will not afflict.
- 24 Men do therefore fear him:
He respecteth not any *that are* wise of heart.

33 THEN the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

- 2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel
By words without knowledge?
- 3 Gird up now thy loins like a man;
For I will demand of thee, and answer thou me.
- 4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?
Declare, if thou hast understanding.
- 5 Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest?
Or who hath stretched the line upon it?
- 6 Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened?
Or who laid the corner-stone thereof?
- 7 When the morning stars sang toge her,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?
- 8 Or who shut up the sea with doors,
When it brake forth, as if it had issued out of the womb?
- 9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof,
And thick darkness a swaddling-band for it,
10 And brake up for it my decreed place,
11 And set bars and doors, I said,
Hitherto shalt thou come, but no further:
And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?
- 12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days;
And caused the day-spring to know his place;
- 13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
That the wicked might be shaken out of it?
- 14 It is turned as clay to the seal;
And they stand as a garment.
- 15 And from the wicked their light is withholden,
And the high arm shall be broken.
- 16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?
Or hast thou walked in the search of the depth?
- 17 Have the gates of death been opened unto thee?
Or hast thou seen the doors of the shadow of death?
- 18 Hast thou perceived the breadth of the earth?
Declare if thou knowest it all.
- 19 Where is the way where light dwelleth?
And as for darkness, where is the place thereof,
- 20 That thou shouldest take it to the bound thereof,
And that thou shouldest know the paths to the house thereof?
- 21 Knowest thou it, because thou wast then born?
Or because the number of thy days is great?
- 22 Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?
Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail.
- 23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,
Against the day of battle and war?
- 24 By what way is the light parted,
Which scattereth the east wind upon the earth?
- 25 Who hath divided a water-course for the overflowing of waters,
Or a way for the lightning of thunder;
- 26 To cause it to rain on the earth, where no man is;
On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
- 27 To satisfy the desolate and waste ground;
And to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
- 28 Hath the rain a father?
Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?
- 29 Out of whose womb came the ice?
And the heavy frost of heaven, who hath gendered it?
- 30 The waters are hid as with a stone,
And the face of the deep is frozen.
- 31 Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades,
Or loose the bands of Orion?
- 32 Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season?
Or canst thou guide Arc'turus with his sons?
- 33 Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven?
Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?
- 34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,
That abundance of waters may cover thee?
- 35 Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go,
And say unto thee, Here we are?
- 36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward part?
Or who hath given understanding to the heart?
- 37 Who can number the clouds in wisdom?
Or who can stay the bottles of heaven,
- 38 When the dust groweth into hardness,
And the clods cleave fast together?
- 39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lion?
Or fill the appetite of the young lions,
- 40 When they couch in their dens,
And abide in the covert to lie in wait
- 41 Who provideth for the raven his food?
When his young ones cry unto God,
They wander for lack of meat.
- 39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?
Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

- 2 Canst thou number the months *that* they fulfil?
Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
- 3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones,
They cast out their sorrows.
- 4 Their young ones are in good liking,
They grow up with corn;
They go forth, and return not unto them.
- 5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free?
Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?
- 6 Whose house I have made the wilderness,
And the barren land his dwellings.
- 7 He scorneth the multitude of the city,
Neither regardeth he the crying of the driver.
- 8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,
And he searcheth after every green thing.
- 9 Will the unicorn be willing to serve thee,
Or abide by thy crib?
- 10 Canst thou bind the unicorn with his band in the furrow?
Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
- 11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great?
Or wilt thou leave thy labor to him?
- 12 Wilt thou believe him, that he will bring home thy seed,
And gather it *into* thy barn?
- 13 Gavest thou the goodly wings unto the peacocks?
Or wings and feathers unto the ostrich?
- 14 Which leaveth her eggs in the earth,
And warmeth them in the dust.
- 15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them,
Or that the wild beast may break them.
- 16 She is hardened against her young ones,
As though *they were* not her's:
Her labor is in vain without fear;
- 17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom,
Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
- 18 What time she lifteth up herself on high,
She scorneth the horse and his rider.
- 19 Hast thou given the horse strength?
Hast thou clothed his neck with thunder?
- 20 Canst thou make him afraid as a grasshopper?
The glory of his nostrils is terrible.
- 21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength:
He goeth on to meet the armed men.
- 22 He mocketh at fear, and is not affrighted;
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
- 23 The quiver rattleth against him,
The glittering spear and the shield.
- 24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage:
Neither believeth he that *it is* the sound of the trumpet.
- 25 He saith among the trumpets. Ha, ha!
And he smelleth the battle afar off,
The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
- 26 Doth the hawk fly by thy wisdom,
And stretch her wings towards the south?
- 27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command,
And make her nest on high?
- 28 She dwelleth and abideth on the rock,
Upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place.
- 29 From thence she seeketh the prey,
And her eyes behold afar off.
- 30 Her young ones also suck up blood:
And where the slain are, there is she.

40 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct *him*?
He that reproveth God, let him answer it.

3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, I am vile;
What shall I answer thee?
I will lay mine hand upon my mouth,
5 Once have I spoken;
But I will not answer:
Yea, twice;
But I will proceed no further.

6 Then answered the LORD unto Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

7 Gird on thy loins now like a man:
I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt thou also disannul my judgment?
Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be righteous?

9 Hast thou an arm like God?
Or canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now *with* majesty and excellency;
And array thyself with glory and beauty.

11 Cast abroad the rage of thy wrath:
And behold every one *that is* proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one *that is* proud, and bring him low;

And tread down the wicked in their place.

13 Hide them in the dust together;

And bind their faces in secret.

14 Then will I also confess unto thee

That thine own right hand can save thee.

15 Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee;

He eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength *is* in his loins,
And his force *is* in the navel of his belly.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar:

The sinews of his stones are wrapped together.

18 His bones *are* as strong pieces of brass;

His bones *are* like bars of iron.

19 He *is* the chief of the ways of God:

He that made him can make his sword to approach *unto him*.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food,
Where all the beasts of the field play.

21 He lieth under the shady trees,
In the covert of the reed, and fens.

22 The shady trees cover him *with* their shadow;

The willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, he drinketh up a river, and hasteth not:

He trusteth that he can draw up Jordan into his mouth.

24 He taketh it with his eyes:

His nose pierceth through snares.

41 Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook?

Or his tongue with a cord *which* thou lettest down?

2 Canst thou put an hook into his nose?

Or bore his jaw through with a thorn?

- 3 Will he make many supplications unto thee:
Will he speak soft *words* unto thee?
4 Will he make a covenant with thee?
Wilt thou take him for a servant for ever?
5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird?
Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
6 Shall thy companions make a banquet of him?
Shall they part him among the merchants?
7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons?
Or his head with fish-spears?
8 Lay thine hand upon him,
Remember the battle, do no more.
9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain:
Shall not *one* be cast down even at the sight
of him?
10 None is so fierce that dare stir him up:
Who then is able to stand before me?
11 Who hath prevented me, that I should
repay him?
Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is
mine.
12 I will not conceal his parts.
Nor his power, nor his comely proportion.
13 Who can discover the face of his garment?
Or who can come *to him* with his double
bridle?
14 Who can open the doors of his face?
His teeth are terrible round about.
15 *His scales are his pride,*
shut up together as with a close seal.
16 *One is so near to another,*
that no air can come between them.
17 They are joined one to another,
They stick together, that they cannot be
sundered.
18 By his seedings a light deth shine,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the
morning.
19 Out of his mouth go burning lamps,
And sparks of fire leap out.
20 Out of his nos his smoketh smoke.
As end of a seething-pot or caldron.
21 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth out of his mouth.
22 In his neck remaineth strength,
And sorrow is turned into joy before him.
23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together:
They are firm in themselves;
They cannot be moved.
- 24 His heart is as firm as a stone;
Yea, as hard as a piece of the nether mill-
stone.
25 When he raiseth up himself, the mighty
are afraid:
By reason of breakings they purify them-
selves.
26 The sword of him that layeth at him can-
not hold:
The spear, the dart, nor the habergeon.
27 He esteemeth iron as straw,
And brass as rotten wood.
28 The arrow cannot make him flee:
Sling-stones are turned with him into
stubble.
29 Darts are counted as stubble:
He laugheth at the shaking of a spear.
30 Sharp stones are under him:
He spreadeth sharp pointed things upon the
mire.
31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot:
He maketh the sea like a pot of ointment.
32 He maketh a path to shine after him;
One would think the deep to be hoary.
33 Upon earth there is not his like,
Who is made without fear.
34 He beholdeth all high *things*:
He is a king over all the children of pride.
- 42 Then Job answered the
LORD, and said,
2 I know that thou canst do every *thing*.
And that no thought can be withholden
from thee.
3 Who is he that hideth counsel without
knowledge?
Therefore have I uttered that I understood
not;
Things too wonderful for me, which I
knew not.
4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak:
I will demand of thee, and declare thou
unto me.
5 I have heard of thee by the hearing of the
ear:
But now mine eye seeth thee.
6 Wherefore I abhor myself,
And repent in dust and ashes.

AND it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words 7
unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is
kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have
not spoken of me *the thing that is right*, as my servant Job *hath*.
Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, 8
and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt-
offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you: for him will I
accept: lest I deal with you *after your folly*, in that ye have not
spoken of me *the thing which is right*, like my servant Job. So 9
Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the
Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded
them: the LORD also accepted Job.

AND the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed 10
for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had
before. Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his 11
sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before,
and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned

him, and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him : every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one an ear-ring of gold. So the LORD blessed the 12 latter end of Job more than his beginning : for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. He had also seven sons and 13 three daughters. And he called the name of the first, Jemima ; 14 and the name of the second, Kezia ; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch. And in all the land were no women found so 15 fair as the daughters of Job : and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. After this lived Job an hundred and 16 forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. So Job died, being old and full of days. 17

THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

THE TITLES OF THE PSALMS.

"That *all* the inscriptions of the Psalms are canonical and inspired, we have no authority to affirm. Augustine, Hilary, Theodoret, Cassiodorus, and many other ancient fathers, admit that they have no relation to the body of the Psalm, and that they contribute nothing to the sense. The Septuagint, and other Greek versions, have added titles to some of the Psalms, which have had none in the Hebrew : the Protestant and Catholic churches have determined nothing concerning them. If the titles of the Psalms had been esteemed canonical, would it have been permitted to alter them, to suppress them, or to add to them? Which of the commentators, Jewish or Christian, Catholic or Protestant, thinks it incumbent upon him to follow the title of the Psalm in his commentary? and yet both Jews and Christians receive the book of Psalms as an integral part of Holy Writ."—*Horne's* Introd. iv. p. 105.

"It is probable that the proper names which are prefixed to many of the Psalms are from the authors themselves. But since the greater part want the authors' names, it must be acknowledged that they were not added to all the Psalms, or that some of them were, afterwards, omitted or lost. Since, also, names of authors occur which are at variance with the subject of the Psalms themselves, it cannot be denied that some must have arisen at a late age from conjecture."—*Jahn's* Introd. to O. T. Part II, § 169. See also §§. 171, 173, 174, 175.

The following table contains all the titles and inscriptions of the Psalms, and also shows which of them have no titles.

PSALM 1. No title.	
2. No title.	
3. A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.	
4. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm of David.	
5. To the chief Musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm of David.	
6. To the chief Musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.	
7. Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.	
8. To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of David.	
9. To the chief Musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David.	
10. No title.	

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11. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
12. To the chief Musician upon Sheminith, *A Psalm* of David.
13. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
14. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
15. *A Psalm* of David.
16. Michtam of David.
17. *A Prayer* of David.
18. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.
19. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
20. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
21. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
22. To the chief Musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, *A Psalm* of David.
23. *A Psalm* of David.
24. *A Psalm* of David.
25. *A Psalm* of David.
26. *A Psalm* of David.
27. *A Psalm* of David.
28. *A Psalm* of David.
29. *A Psalm* of David.
30. *A Psalm and Song*, at the dedication of the house of David.
31. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
32. *A Psalm* of David, Maschil.
33. No title.
34. *A Psalm* of David when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.
35. *A Psalm* of David.
36. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David the servant of the LORD.
37. *A Psalm* of David.
38. *A Psalm* of David, to bring to remembrance.
39. To the chief Musician, *even* to Jeduthun, *A Psalm* of David.
40. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
41. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David.
42. To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.
43. No title.
44. To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, Maschil.
45. To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, *A Song* of loves.
46. To the chief Musician for the sons of Korah, *A Song* upon Alamoth.
47. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* for the sons of Korah.
48. *A Song and Psalm* for the sons of Korah.
49. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* for the sons of Korah.
50. *A Psalm* of Asaph.
51. To the chief Musician, *A Psalm* of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.
52. To the chief Musician, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when Doeg, the Edomite, came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.
53. To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.
54. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?
55. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, *A Psalm* of David.
56. To the chief Musician upon Jonath-elem-rechokim, Michtam of David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.
57. To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David, when he fled from Saul in the cave.
58. To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David.
59. To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, Michtam of David; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.
60. To the chief Musician upon Shushan-eduth, Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, when Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the valley of Salt twelve thousand.
61. To the chief Musician upon Neginah, *A Psalm* of David.
62. To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, *A Psalm* of David.
63. *A Psalm* of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

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64. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
65. To the chief Musician, A Psalm and Song of David.
66. To the chief Musician, A Song or Psalm.
67. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song.
68. To the chief Musician, A Psalm or Song of David.
69. To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, A Psalm of David.
70. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.
71. No title.
72. A Psalm for Solomon.
73. A Psalm of Asaph.
74. Maschil of Asaph.
75. To the chief Musician, Al-taschith, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.
76. To the chief Musician on Neginoth, A Psalm or Song of Asaph.
77. To the chief Musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of Asaph.
78. Maschil of Asaph.
79. A Psalm of Asaph.
80. To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim-eduth, A Psalm of Asaph.
81. To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm of Asaph.
82. A Psalm of Asaph.
83. A Song or Psalm of Asaph.
84. To the chief Musician upon Gittith, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.
85. To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.
86. A Prayer of David.
87. A Psalm or Song for the sons of Korah.
88. A Song or Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the chief Musician upon Mahalath Leannoth, Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.
89. Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.
90. A Prayer of Moses the man of God.
91. No title.
92. A Psalm or Song for the Sabbath-day.
93. No title.
94. No title.
95. No title.
96. No title.
97. No title.
98. A Psalm.
99. No title.
100. A Psalm of Praise.
101. A Psalm of David.
102. A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.
103. A Psalm of David.
104. No title.
105. No title.
106. No title.
107. No title.
108. A Song or Psalm of David.
109. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
110. A Psalm of David.
111. No title.
112. No title.
113. No title.
114. No title.
115. No title.
116. No title.
117. No title.
118. No title.
119. No title.
120. A Song of degrees.
121. A Song of degrees.
122. A Song of degrees of David.
123. A Song of degrees.
124. A Song of degrees of David.
125. A Song of degrees.
126. A Song of degrees.
127. A Song of degrees for Solomon.
128. A Song of degrees.
129. A Song of degrees.
130. A Song of degrees.
131. A Song of degrees of David.
132. A Song of degrees.
133. A Song of degrees of David.
134. A Song of degrees.
135. No title.
136. No title.
137. No title.
138. A Psalm of David.
139. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
140. To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.
141. A Psalm of David.
142. Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.
143. A Psalm of David.
144. A Psalm of David.
145. David's Psalm of praise.
146. No title.
147. No title.
148. No title.
149. No title.
150. No title.

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No.	Psalms.	Date, B. C.	Probable Occasion when composed.	Authorities.
1	88	1531	During the affliction of Israel in Egypt.	Lightfoot.
2	90	1489	On the shortening of man's life.	Internal evidence.
3	9	1063	By David, on his victory over Goliath.	Horne. Dr. Gray.
4	11	1062	By David, when advised to flee to the mountains.	Lightfoot.
5	59	1061	When the soldiers of Saul surrounded David's house.	Chaldee Paraphrase.
6	56	1060	When David was with the Philistines of Gath.	Edwards. Calmet. Green.
7	34	.....	When David left Gath.	Hebrew title. Bishop Horne. Dr. Gray.
8	142	.....	When David was in the cave of Adullam.	Hebrew title. Lightfoot.
9	52	.....	When David was persecuted by Doeg.	Hebrew title. Lightfoot.
10	109	.....	Do.	Lightfoot. Travell. Calmet.
11	17	.....	When the priests were murdered by Doeg.	Archdeacon Randolph.
12	140	.....	Do.	Calmet. Horne.
13	35	.....	Do.	Dr. Hammond.
14	64	.....	When David was persecuted by Saul.	Edwards.
15	31	.....	Do.	Edwards.
16	54	.....	On the treachery of the Ziphites.	Green. Calmet.
17	57	1058	When David refused to kill Saul, in the cave.	Lightfoot. Hebrew title.
18	58	.....	Do.	Lightfoot.
19	63	.....	Prayer of David in the wilderness of En-gedi.	Calmet.
20	141	1055	Prayer of David when driven from Judea.	Calmet.
21	139	1048	Prayer of David when made king over all Israel.	Green. Bishop Horne.
22	68	1045	When the ark was carried to Obed-edon's house.	Internal evidence.
23	132	1051	On the second removal of the ark.	Lowth. Lightfoot.
24	105	.....	Do.	Lightfoot.
25	96	.....	Do.	Lightfoot.
26	106	.....	Do.	Lightfoot.
27	2	1044	On the delivery of the promise by Nathan.	Lightfoot. Dr. Hales. Arabic title.

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No.	Psalms.	Date, B. C.	Probable Occasion when composed.	Authorities.
28	16	1044	On the delivery of the promise by Nathan,.....	Dr. Hales.
29	118	....	..... Do.	Dr. Hales.
30	110	....	..... Do.	Dr. Hales.
31	60	1040	On the conquest of Edom by Joab,.....	Hebrew title.
32	108	....	..... Do.	Lightfoot.
33	20	1036	On the war with the Ammonites and Syrians,.....	Calmet.
34	21	....	..... Do.	Calmet.
35	51	1034	Confession of David after his adultery.....	General opinion.
36	32	....	On the pardon of David's adultery.....	Dr. Hales. Calmet. Rosenmuller.
37	33	....	..... Do.	Calmet.
38	103	....	..... Do.	Dr. Hales.
39	3	1023	When David fled from Absalom,.....	Hebrew title. Lightfoot.
40	7	....	On the reproaches of Shimei,.....	Internal evidence. Hebrew title.
41	42	....	On David's resting by the river Jordan, &c.....	Lightfoot. Dr. Wells.
42	43	....	..... Do.	Lightfoot. Bishop Patrick.
43	55	....	During the flight from Absalom,.....	Calmet.
44	4	....	..... Do.	Lightfoot. Calmet. Bishop Patrick.
45	5	....	..... Do.	Edwards.
46	92	....	..... Do.	Internal evidence.
47	62	....	..... Do.	Calmet. Horne.
48	113	....	During the war with Absalom,.....	Calmet. Dr. Wells.
49	144	....	On the victory over Absalom,.....	Calmet. Horne.
50	70	....	..... Do.	Calmet. Dr. Wells.
51	71	....	..... Do.	Calmet. Dr. Wells. Horne. Dr. Gray.
52	18	1019	On the conclusion of David's wars,.....	Hebrew title. Dr. Wells.
53	30	1017	On the dedication of the threshing floor of Araunah,.....	Calmet.
54	91	1015	After the advice of David to Solomon,.....	Internal evidence.
55	145	....	David reviews his past life,.....	Internal evidence.
56	40	Towards the end of David's life,.....	Internal evidence.
57	41 Do.	{ Occasion and date unknown.
58	61 Do.	

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No	Psalms.	Date, B. C.	Probable Occasion when composed.	Authorities.
59	65	1015	Towards the end of David's life.....	Occasion and date unknown.
60	69	....	Do.
61	78	....	Do.
62	6	....	Do.
63	8	....	Do.
64	12	....	Do.
65	19	....	Do.
66	23	....	Do.
67	24	....	Do.
68	28	....	Do.
69	29	Do.	Dr. Hales. Travell. General consent of commentators. Dr. Wells. Internal evidence. Internal evidence.
70	38	....	Do.
71	39	....	Do.
72	86	....	Do.
73	95	....	Do.
74	101	....	Do.
75	104	....	Do.
76	120	....	Do.
77	121	....	Do.
78	122	....	Do.
79	124	Do.	Used in the temple service.
80	131	....	Do.
81	133	....	Do.
82	72	....	When Solomon was made king by his father.....
83	45	1011	On Solomon's marriage with Pharaoh's daughter....	
84	47	1004	When the ark was removed into the TEMPLE.....	
85	97	Do.	
86	98	Do.	
87	99	Do.	
88	100	Do.	
89	135	Do.	

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No.	Psaltn.	Date, B. C.	Probable Occasion when composed.	Authorities.
90	135	1004	When the ark was removed into the Temple.....	Used in the temple service.
91	82	897	On the appointment of judges by Jehosaphat.....	Internal evidence.
92	115	896	..... victory of Jehosaphat.....	Dr. Wells.
93	46	....	..... Do.	Rosenmuller.
94	44	710	By Hezekiah, after the blasphemy of Rab-shakeh....	Mudge.
95	73	....	On the destruction of Sennacherib.....	Dr. Wells.
96	75	....	..... Do.	Travell.
97	76	....	..... Do.	Green.
98	79	588	On the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple ...	Green. Dr. Wells.
99	74	....	..... Do.	Dr. Wells. Poole.
100	83	....	..... Do.	Psaltn lxxxiii. 8. Dr. Wall.
101	94	....	..... Do.	Internal evidence.
102	137	539	During the Babylonish captivity.....	
103	130	....	..... Do.	
104	80	....	..... Do.	
105	77	....	..... Do.	
106	37	....	..... Do.	
107	67	....	..... Do.	
108	49	....	..... Do.	
109	53	....	..... Do.	
110	50	....	..... Do.	
111	10	....	..... Do.	
112	13	....	..... Do.	
113	14	By Hezekiah, after the blasphemy of Rab-shakeh....	
114	15 Do.	
115	25 Do.	
116	26 Do.	
117	27 Do.	
118	33 Do.	
119	89 Do.	

Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray.

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No.	Psalm.	Psalm. B. C.	Probable Occasion when composed.	Authorities.
120	92	539	During the Babylonish captivity.....	{ Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray. Mudge. Bishop Horne. Travell. Dr. Wells. Dimock. Poole.
121	93	....	..... Do.
122	123	....	..... Do.
123	102	538	On the promise to restore from captivity. (Da. 9.)..	
124	124	535	On the decree of Cyrus to restore the Jews, &c.....	
125	85 Do.	{ Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray.
126	107	....	On the release from the Babylonish captivity.....
127	87	....	..... Do.
128	111	....	..... Do.
129	112	....	..... Do.
130	113 Do.	{ Internal evidence. Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray. Int. evid. Dimock. Greek title.
131	114	....	..... Do.
132	116	....	..... Do.
133	117	....	..... Do.
134	125	....	..... Do.
135	127 Do.	{ Internal evidence. Dr. Wells. Horne. Gray. Calmet. Prideaux.
136	128	....	..... Do.
137	131	....	..... Do.
138	81	535	On laying the foundation of the second temple.....	
139	65	....	..... Do.
140	129	534	When the Samaritans obstructed the work.....	{ Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray. Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray.
141	138	519	Composed by Haggai, during the building of the temple.	
142	48	515	Upon the dedication of the second temple.....	
143	81	....	..... Do.
144	146	....	..... Do.
145	147 Do.	{ Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray. Calmet. Horne. Dr. Gray.
146	148	....	..... Do.
147	149	....	..... Do.
148	150	....	..... Do.
149	1	444	Prepared by Ezra, as a preface to the book of Psalms.	
150	119	....	..... to commend the Scriptures.....

EXPLANATION OF SOME WORDS FOUND IN THE PSALMS OR IN THEIR TITLES.

1. 'Alamoth,' Ps. 46, title. *To the Virgins*, or, To be sung by female voices.
2. 'Aijeleth-Shahar,' Ps. 22, title. *The Hind of the Morning*. Yet what this signifies has been disputed. It was customary with the Asiatics to give names to their poetic compositions which often had no relation to the composition itself. A collection of moral essays was termed "The Garden of Anemones." A poem of Saady is called "The Bed of Roses," though there is nothing relative to roses in the book. In the original, it reads *al-aijeleth-hashahar*, "To the Hind of the Morning," which may mean that the Psalm is to be sung to a tune, then well known, called "The Hind of the Morning;" as we say, To 'Scotland,' To 'Come, ye disconsolate,' &c. This explanation also includes *Jonath-elem-rechokim*, and others below.
3. 'Al-taschith,' title, Ps. 57, 58, 59, 75, *Do not Destroy*. Perhaps the name of a tune, as No. 2.
4. 'Gittith,' Ps. 8, 81, 84, is commonly supposed to mean a musical instrument, brought from Gath.
5. 'Higgaion' (Selah) occurs Ps. 9: 16. It means *meditation*; i. e. meditate on this.
6. 'Jonath-elem-rechokim, Ps. 56, title. *The Dumb*, or dumb dove, in *distant Places*. See above, No. 2.
7. 'Mahalath,' Ps. 53, title. Perhaps a musical instrument. Some think it means a kind of dance. Calmet translates the title, "An instructive psalm of David, for the chief master of dancing;" Clarke, "To the chief player on the flute."
8. 'Mahalath Leannoth,' Ps. 88, title. Probably a responsive song of the same description.
9. 'Maschil,' Ps. 32, 42, 45, 52, 53, 54, 55, 74, 78, 88, 89, 142. A *didactic or instructive song*.
10. 'Michtam,' Ps. 16, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60. Six Psalms. *Golden*. These may be so called, because on some occasion they were written in golden letters. Thus we are told, that seven poems composed in honor of Mohammed obtained this title, because they were written on parchment, in golden letters, and suspended in the temple at Mecca.
11. 'Mizmôr.' This is the title of forty-five Psalms, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, &c., commonly rendered *A Psalm*.
12. 'Mizmôr-shir,' the title of seven. Ps. 31, 65, 67, 68, 75, 77, 112. *Psalm-songs*.
13. 'Muth-labben,' Ps. 9, title. *Secrets of the Son*, or, Concerning the youth of the son. See above, No. 1. Or, as "muth" means virgins, *al-muth* may be, *for the virgins*, *la ben*, to *Ben*, or Benaiah, who was the preceptor of their band. (1 Chron. 15: 18, 20.)
14. 'Nehiloth,' Ps. 5. A kind of wind instrument.
15. 'Neginoth,' Ps. 4, 6, 54, 55, 60, 61, 76, titles. Stringed instruments played with the fingers.
16. 'Selah' occurs upwards of seventy times in the Book of Psalms, and thrice in Habakkuk. Some suppose it means the same as *da capo*, repeat; others, that it signifies a rest or pause in singing. It is of no authority whatever, and should not be read as part of the Psalm.
17. 'Sheminith,' Ps. 6, 12, titles. A harp with eight strings.
18. 'Shiggaion,' Ps. 7, title. A *wandering song*. Calmet and others say it means an *elegy*.
19. 'Shir,' Ps. 46, title. *Song*. See above, No. 12.
20. 'Shir-hammaeholoth,' the title of fifteen Psalms; 120—134. *Songs of Degrees*, or "Odes of Ascension." These probably obtained their title from some peculiarity in the metre: what this was, we know not. Some think this name was assigned them because they were sung by pilgrims going to Jerusalem to the feasts; or because they were sung by those who returned from the captivity; or by the priests going up the steps of the Temple.
21. 'Shir-Mizmôr,' Ps. 48, 66, 83, 88, 103, titles. *Song-psalms*. See above, No. 12.
22. 'Shoshannim,' Ps. 45, title, probably means, *The Lilies*, explained as above, No. 2.
23. 'Shushan-eduth,' Ps. 60, title, and 'Shoshannim-eduth,' Ps. 80, title. *Lily*, and *Lilies of the Testimony*. See No. 2.
24. 'Tehillah,' Ps. 145, title. *Praise*.
25. 'Tephilah,' Ps. 17, 88, 90, 102, titles. *Prayers*.
26. To ten Psalms, 106, 111, 112, 113, 135, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, there is a title prefixed, viz. 'Hallelujah,' *Praise Jehovah*. These are termed "Hallelujah-Psalms." In our common version, the titles have been incorporated with the Psalms themselves.

THE PSALMS.

FIRST BOOK.

PSALM I.

- 1 BLESSED is the man
That walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly,
Nor standeth in the way of sinners,
Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful ;
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD ;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water,
That bringeth forth his fruit in his season ;
His leaf also shall not wither ;
And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
- 4 The ungodly are not so :
But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
- 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous :
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM II.

- 1 WHY do the heathen rage,
And the people imagine a vain thing ?
- 2 The kings of the earth set themselves,
And the rulers take counsel together,
Against the LORD, and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3 Let us break their bands asunder,
And cast away their cords from us.
- 4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh :
The LORD shall have them in derision.
- 5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath,
And vex them in his sore displeasure.
- 6 Yet have I set my King
Upon my holy hill of Zion.
- 7 I will declare the decree :
The LORD hath said unto me,
'Thou art my Son ;
This day have I begotten thee.
- 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen
for thine inheritance,
And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
- 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron ;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
- 10 Be wise now, therefore, O ye kings ;
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
- 11 Serve the LORD with fear,
And rejoice with trembling.
- 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry,
And ye perish from the way,
When his wrath is kindled but a little.
Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

PSALM III.

- 1 LORD, how are they increased that trouble me ?
Many are they that rise up against me.

- 2 Many there be which say of my soul,
There is no help for him in God. Selah.
- 3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me ;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
- 4 I cried unto the LORD with my voice,
And he heard me out of his holy hill. Selah.
- 5 I laid me down and slept ;
I awaked : for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people
That have set *themselves* against me round about.
- 7 Arise, O LORD ; save me, O my God :
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies
upon the cheek-bone ;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly.
- 8 Salvation *belongeth* unto the LORD :
Thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah.

PSALM IV.

- 1 HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness :
Thou hast enlarged me *when I was* in distress ;
Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
- 2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn
my glory into shame ?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek
after leasing ? Selah.
- 3 But know, that the LORD
Hath set apart him that is godly for himself :
The LORD will hear when I call unto him.
- 4 Stand in awe, and sin not ;
Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness ;
And put your trust in the LORD.
- 6 *There be many that say,* Who will show us
any good ?
LORD, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.
- 7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than in the time that their corn and
their wine increased.
- 8 I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep :
For thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

- 1 GIVE ear to my words, O LORD ;
Consider my meditation.
- 2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King,
And my God : for unto thee will I pray.
- 3 My voice shalt thou hear in the morning,
O LORD ;
In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.
- 4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness ;
Neither shall evil dwell with thee.
- 5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight :
Thou hast all workers of iniquity.
- 6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak leasing :
The LORD will abhor the bloody and deceitful man.
- 7 But as for me, I will come into thy house
in the multitude of thy mercy ;
And in thy fear will I worship toward thy
holy temple.

- 8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness,
Because of mine enemies; make thy way
straight before my face.
- 9 For *there is* no faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part is very wickedness;
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
They flatter with their tongue.
- 10 Destroy thou them, O God;
Let them fall by their own counsels:
Cast them out in the multitude of their
transgressions;
For they have rebelled against thee.
- 11 But let all those that put their trust in thee
rejoice:
Let them ever shout for joy, because thou
defendest them;
Let them also that love thy name be joyful
in thee.
- 12 For thou, LORD, wilt bless the righteous;
With favor wilt thou compass him as *with*
a shield.

PSALM VI.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger,
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
- 2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I *am*
weak:
O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed.
- 3 My soul is also sore vexed:
But thou, O LORD, how long?
- 4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul:
Oh save me for thy mercy's sake.
- 5 For in death *there is* no remembrance of
thee:
In the grave who shall give thee thanks?
- 6 I am weary with my groaning:
All the night make I my bed to swim;
I water my couch with my tears,
- 7 Mine eye is consumed because of grief:
It waxeth old because of all mine enemies.
- 8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity:
For the LORD hath heard the voice of my
weeping.
- 9 The LORD hath heard my supplication;
The LORD will receive my prayer.
- 10 Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore
vexed:
Let them return *and* be ashamed suddenly.

PSALM VII.

- 1 O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust:
Save me from all them that persecute me,
and deliver me.
- 2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while *there is* none to
deliver.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;
- 4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was
at peace with me;
(Yea, I have delivered him that without
cause is mine enemy;)
- 5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it;
Yea, let him tread down my life upon the
earth,
And lay mine honor in the dust. Selah.
- 6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger,
Lift up thyself, because of the rage of mine
enemies;
And awake for me to the judgment *that*
thou hast commanded.
- 7 So shall the congregation of the people
compass thee about:
For thy sakes, therefore, return thou on
high.

- 8 The LORD shall judge the people:
Judge me, O LORD, according to my right-
eousness,
And according to mine integrity *that is in*
me.
- 9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come
to an end;
But establish the just:
For the righteous God trieth the hearts and
reins.
- 10 My defence *is* of God, which saveth the
upright in heart.
- 11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry
with the wicked every day.
- 12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.
- 13 He hath also prepared for him the instru-
ments of death;
He ordaineth his arrows against the perse-
cutors.
- 14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity,
And hath conceived mischief,
And brought forth falsehood.
- 15 He made a pit, and digged it,
And is fallen into the ditch *which* he made.
- 16 His mischief shall return upon his own head,
And his violent dealing shall come down
upon his own pate.
- 17 I will praise the LORD according to his
righteousness;
And will sing praise to the name of the
LORD most high.

PSALM VIII.

- 1 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy
name in all the earth!
Who hast set thy glory above the heavens.
- 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings
Hast thou ordained strength, because of
thine enemies; —
That thou mightest still the enemy and the
avenger.
- 3 When I consider thy heavens,
The work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars
Which thou hast ordained;
- 4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest him?
- 5 For thou hast made him a little lower than
the angels,
And hast crowned him with glory and
honor.
- 6 Thou madest him to have dominion over
the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all *things* under his feet:
- 7 All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field;
- 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea,
And *whatsoever* passeth through the paths
of the seas.
- 9 O LORD our Lord, how excellent *is* thy
name in all the earth!

PSALM IX.

- 1 I WILL praise thee, O LORD, with my
whole heart;
I will show forth all thy marvellous works.
- 2 I will be glad and rejoice in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most
High.
- 3 When mine enemies are turned back,
They shall fall and perish at thy presence.
- 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my
cause;
Thou sittest in the throne judging right.

- 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.
- 6 O thou enemy! destructions are come to a perpetual end;
And thou hast destroyed cities:
Their memorial is perished with them.
- 7 But the LORD shall endure for ever:
He hath prepared his throne for judgment;
8 And he shall judge the world in righteousness,
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
- 9 The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
A refuge in times of trouble.
- 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee:
For thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.
- 11 Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the people his doings.
- 12 When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them:
He forgetteth not the cry of the humble.
- 13 Have mercy upon me, O LORD:
Consider my trouble *which I suffer* of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death;
- 14 That I may show forth all thy praise
In the gates of the daughter of Zion:
I will rejoice in thy salvation.
- 15 The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their own foot taken.
- 16 The LORD is known *by the judgment which* he executeth:
The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaiion. Selah.
- 17 The wicked shall be turned into hell,
And all the nations that forget God.
- 18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten:
The expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever.
- 19 Arise, O LORD, let not man prevail;
Let the heathen be judged in thy sight.
- 20 Put them in fear, O LORD;
That the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah.

PSALM X.

- 1 WHY standest thou afar off, O LORD?
Why hidest thou *thyself* in times of trouble?
- 2 The wicked in *his* pride doth persecute the poor:
Let them be taken in the devices that they have imagined.
- 3 For the wicked boasts of his heart's desire,
And blesseth the covetous, *whom* the LORD abhorreth.
- 4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God:
God is not in all his thoughts.
- 5 His ways are always grievous;
Thy judgments are far above out of his sight:
As for all his enemies, he puffeth at them.
- 6 He hath said in his heart, I shall not be moved:
For *I shall* never be in adversity.
- 7 His mouth is full of cursing, and deceit,
and fraud;
Under his tongue is mischief and vanity.

- 8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of the villages:
In the secret places doth he murder the innocent:
His eyes are privily set against the poor.
- 9 He lieth in wait secretly as a lion in his den;
He lieth in wait to catch the poor:
He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him into his net.
- 10 He croucheth, *and* humbleth himself,
That the poor may fall by his strong ones.
- 11 He hath said in his heart, God hath forgotten:
He hideth his face; he will never see *it*.
- 12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine hand:
Forget not the humble.
- 13 Wherefore doth the wicked condemn God?
He hath said in his heart, Thou wilt not require *it*.
- 14 Thou hast seen *it*; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, to requite *it* with thy hand:
The poor committeth himself unto thee:
Thou art the helper of the fatherless.
- 15 Break thou the arm of the wicked, and the evil man:
Seek out his wickedness, *till* thou find none.
- 16 The LORD is King for ever and ever:
The heathen are perished out of his land.
- 17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble:
Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear;
- 18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed.
That the man of the earth may no more oppress.

PSALM XI.

- 1 IN the LORD put I my trust; how say ye to my soul,
Flee as a bird to your mountain?
- 2 For, lo, the wicked bend *their* bow,
They make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may privily shoot at the upright in heart.
- 3 If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple,
The LORD'S throne is in heaven:
His eyes behold,
His eyelids try the children of men.
- 5 The LORD trieth the righteous:
But the wicked, and him that loveth violence, his soul hateth.
- 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares,
Fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest:
This shall be the portion of their cup.
- 7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness:
His countenance doth behold the upright.

PSALM XII.

- 1 HELP, LORD, for the godly man ceaseth;
For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
- 2 They speak vanity every one with his neighbor:
With flattering lips, and with a double heart, do they speak.
- 3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips,
And the tongue that speaketh proud things;
- 4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
Our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

- 5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,
Now will I arise, saith the LORD;
I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.
- 6 The words of the LORD are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace of earth,
Purified seven times.
- 7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
Thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.
- 8 The wicked walk on every side,
When the vilest men are exalted.

PSALM XIII.

- 1 HOW long wilt thou forget me, O LORD,
for ever?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
- 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart daily;
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?
- 3 Consider and hear me, O LORD my God:
Licken mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death;
- 4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
And those that trouble me rejoice when I am moved.
- 5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.
- 6 I will sing unto the LORD.
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM XIV.

- 1 THE fool hath said in his heart,
There is no God.
They are corrupt; they have done abominable works;
There is none that doeth good.
- 2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand,
and seek God.
- 3 They are all gone aside,
They are all together become filthy:
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- 4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread,
And call not upon the LORD.
- 5 There were they in great fear:
For God is in the generation of the righteous.
- 6 Ye have shamed the counsel of the poor;
Because the LORD is his refuge.
- 7 O that the Salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!
When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people,
Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM XV.

- 1 LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?
Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?
- 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,
And speaketh the truth in his heart.
- 3 *He that backbiteth not with his tongue,*
Nor doeth evil to his neighbor,
Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.
- 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned;
But he honoreth them that fear the LORD;
He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

- 5 *He that putteth not out his money to usury,*
Nor taketh reward against the innocent.
He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM XVI.

- 1 PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
- 2 O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD,
Thou art my LORD:
My goodness extendeth not to thee;
- 3 But to the saints that are in the earth,
And to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
- 4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that
hasen after another god:
Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer.
Nor take up their names into my lips.
- 5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup:
Thou maintainest my lot.
- 6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places.
Yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel;
My reins also instruct me in the night-seasons.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- 9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoice;
My flesh also shall rest in hope:
- 10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell;
Neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- 11 Thou wilt show me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy;
At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

PSALM XVII.

- 1 HEAR the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.
- 2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;
Let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.
- 3 Thou hast proved mine heart;
Thou hast visited me in the night;
Thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing:
I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.
- 4 Concerning the works of men,
By the word of thy lips I have kept me from the paths of the destroyer.
- 5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.
- 6 I have called upon thee: for thou wilt hear me, O God:
Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.
- 7 Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand
Them which put their trust in thee,
From those that rise up against them.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye;
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
- 9 From the wicked that oppress me,
From my deadly enemies who compass me about.

- 10 They are inclosed in their own fat :
With their mouth they speak proudly.
- 11 They have now compassed us in our steps ;
They have set their eyes bowing down to
the earth ;
- 12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey,
And as it *was* a young lion lurking in
secret places.
- 13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him
down :
Deliver my soul from the wicked, *which* is
thy sword.
- 14 From men *which* are thy hand, O LORD,
From men of the world, *which* have their
portion in this life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy hid
treasure :
They are full of children, and leave the rest
of their *substance* to their babes.
- 15 As for me, I will behold thy face in right-
eousness :
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy
likeness.

PSALM XVIII.

- 1 I WILL love thee, O LORD, my strength.
- 2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress,
and my deliverer :
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust :
My buckler, and the horn of my salvation,
and my high tower.
- 3 I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy*
to be praised :
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
- 4 The sorrows of death compassed me.
And the floods of ungodly men made me
afraid.
- 5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about ;
The snares of death prevented me.
- 6 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
And cried unto my God :
He heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry came before him, *even* into his
ears.
- 7 Then the earth shook and trembled ;
The foundations also of the hills moved,
And were shaken, because he was wroth.
- 8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured :
Coals were kindled by it.
- 9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down :
And darkness *was* under his feet.
- 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly ;
Yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind.
- 11 He made darkness his secret place :
His pavilion round about him *were* dark
waters
And thick clouds of the skies.
- 12 At the brightness *that was* before him his
thick clouds passed ;
Hail-stones and coals of fire.
- 13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,
And the Highest gave his voice ;
Hail-stones and coals of fire.
- 14 Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered
them ;
And he shot out lightnings, and discomfited
them.
- 15 Then the channels of waters were seen,
And the foundations of the world *were* dis-
covered
At thy rebuke, O LORD,
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
- 16 He sent from above, he took me,
He drew me out of many waters.

- 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,
And from them which hated me :
For they were too strong for me.
- 18 They prevented me in the day of my
calamity :
But the LORD was my stay.
- 19 He brought me forth also into a large place :
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
- 20 The LORD rewarded me according to my
righteousness ;
According to the cleanness of my hands
hath he recompensed me.
- 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD,
And have not wickedly departed from my
God.
- 22 For all his judgments *were* before me.
And I did not put away his statutes from me.
- 23 I was also upright before him,
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
- 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me
according to my righteousness,
According to the cleanness of my hands in
his eye-sight.
- 25 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself
merciful ;
With an upright man thou wilt show thy-
self upright ;
- 26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure ;
And with the froward thou wilt show thy-
self froward.
- 27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people ;
But wilt bring down high looks.
- 28 For thou wilt light my candle :
The LORD my God will enlighten my
darkness.
- 29 For by thee I have run through a troop ;
And by my God have I leaped over a wall.
- 30 *As for* God, his way is perfect :
The word of the LORD is tried ;
He is a buckler to all those that trust in him.
- 31 For who is God save the LORD ?
Or who is a rock save our God ?
- 32 *It is* God that girdeth me with strength,
And maketh my way perfect.
- 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet,
And setteth me upon my high places.
- 34 He teacheth my hands to war,
So that a bow of steel is broken by mine
arms.
- 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy
salvation :
And thy right hand hath holden me up,
And thy gentleness hath made me great.
- 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
That my feet did not slip.
- 37 I have pursued mine enemies, and over-
taken them ;
Neither did I turn again till they were con-
sumed.
- 38 I have wounded them, that they were not
able to rise :
They are fallen under my feet.
- 39 For thou hast girded me with strength unto
the battle :
Thou hast subdued under me those that
rose up against me.
- 40 Thou hast also given me the necks of mine
enemies,
That I might destroy them that hate me.
- 41 They cried, but *there was* none to save
them :
Even unto the LORD, but he answered them
not.
- 42 Then did I beat them small as the dust
before the wind ;

- I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.
- 43 Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;
And thou hast made me the head of the heathen:
A people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.
- 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall obey me:
The strangers shall submit themselves unto me.
- 45 The strangers shall fade away,
And be afraid out of their close places.
- 46 The LORD liveth, and blessed be my Rock;
And let the God of my salvation be exalted.
- 47 *It is* God that avengeth me,
And subdueth the people under me.
- 48 He delivereth me from mine enemies:
Yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me:
Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.
- 49 Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen,
And sing praises unto thy name.
- 50 Great deliverance giveth he to his king;
And sheweth mercy to his anointed,
To David, and to his seed for evermore.

PSALM XIX.

- 1 THE heavens declare the glory of God;
And the firmament sheweth his handy work.
- 2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
And night unto night sheweth knowledge.
- 3 *There is* no speech nor language
Where their voice is not heard.
- 4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,
And their words to the end of the world.
In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,
- 5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.
- 6 His going forth is from the end of the heaven,
And his circuit unto the ends of it:
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect,
Converting the soul:
The testimony of the LORD is sure,
Making wise the simple.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are right,
Rejoicing the heart:
The commandment of the LORD is pure,
Enlightening the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean,
Enduring for ever:
The judgments of the LORD are true
And righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea,
than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
- 11 Moreover, by them is thy servant warned:
And in keeping of them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can understand his errors?
Cleanseth thou me from secret faults.
- 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;
Let them not have dominion over me:
Then shall I be upright,
And I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

- 14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart,
Be acceptable in thy sight,
O LORD my strength and my redeemer.

PSALM XX.

- 1 THE LORD hear thee in the day of trouble;
The name of the God of Jacob defend thee.
- 2 Send thee help from the sanctuary,
And strengthen thee out of Zion.
- 3 Remember all thy offerings,
And accept thy burnt-sacrifice. Selah.
- 4 Grant thee according to thine own heart,
And fulfil all thy counsel.
- 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation,
And in the name of our God we will set up our banners:
The LORD fulfil all thy petitions.
- 6 Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed:
He will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some trust in chariots, and some in horses:
But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.
- 8 They are brought down and fallen;
But we are risen, and stand upright.
- 9 Save, LORD:
Let the king hear us when we call.

PSALM XXI.

- 1 THE King shall joy in thy strength, O LORD;
And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
- 2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
And hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.
- 3 For thou preventest him with the blessings of goodness;
Thou settest a crown of pure gold on his head.
- 4 He asked life of thee,
And thou gavest it him,
Even length of days for ever and ever.
- 5 His glory is great in thy salvation:
Honor and majesty hast thou laid upon him.
- 6 For thou hast made him most blessed for ever:
Thou hast made him exceeding glad with thy countenance.
- 7 For the king trusteth in the LORD;
And, through the mercy of the Most High, he shall not be moved.
- 8 Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies:
Thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.
- 9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger:
The LORD shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them.
- 10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth,
And their seed from among the children of men.
- 11 For they intended evil against thee;
They imagined a mischievous device, which they are not able to perform.
- 12 Therefore shalt thou make them turn their back.
When thou shalt make ready thine arrows upon thy strings, against the face of them.
- 13 Be thou exalted, LORD, in thine own strength;
So will we sing and praise thy power.

PSALM XXII.

- 1 MY God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?
*Why art thou so far from helping me,
 And from the words of my roaring?*
- 2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not;
 And in the night-season, and am not silent.
- 3 But thou art holy,
 O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our fathers trusted in thee:
 They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
- 5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered:
 They trusted in thee, and were not confounded.
- 6 But I am a worm, and no man:
 A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
- 7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn;
 They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
- 8 He trusted on the LORD that he would deliver him:
 Let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him.
- 9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb;
 Thou didst make me hope when I was upon my mother's breasts.
- 10 I was cast upon thee from the womb;
 Thou art my God from my mother's belly.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near;
 For there is none to help.
- 12 Many bulls have compassed me:
 Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
- 13 They gaped upon me with their mouths,
 As a ravening and a roaring lion.
- 14 I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:
 My heart is like wax, it is melted in the midst of my bowels.
- 15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
 And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
 And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
- 16 For dogs have compassed me;
 The assembly of the wicked have inclosed me:
 They pierced my hands and my feet.
- 17 I may tell all my bones:
 They look and stare upon me.
- 18 They part my garments among them,
 And cast lots upon my vesture.
- 19 But be not thou far from me, O LORD;
 O my Strength, haste thee to help me.
- 20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
 My darling from the power of the dog.
- 21 Save me from the lion's mouth:
 For thou hast heard me from the horns of the unicorns.
- 22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
 In the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.
- 23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him:
 All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him:
 And fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.
- 24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred
 The affliction of the afflicted,
 Neither hath he hid his face from him;
 But when he cried unto him, he heard.
- 25 My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation:
 I will pay my vows before them that fear him.

- 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied:
 They shall praise the LORD that seek him.
 Your heart shall live for ever.
- 27 All the ends of the world shall remember,
 and turn unto the LORD:
 And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
- 28 For the kingdom is the LORD'S;
 And he is the governor among the nations.
- 29 All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship:
 All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him;
 And none can keep alive his own soul.
- 30 A seed shall serve him;
 It shall be accounted to the LORD for a generation.
- 31 They shall come, and shall declare his righteousness
 Unto a people that shall be born, that he hath done this.

PSALM XXIII.

- 1 THE LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- 2 He make'h me to lie down in green pastures:
 He leade'h me beside the still waters.
- 3 He restore'h my soul:
 He leade'h me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
 Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- 5 Thou preparest a table before me
 In the presence of mine enemies:
 Thou anointest my head with oil;
 My cup runneth over.
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life:
 And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
 For ever.

PSALM XXIV.

- 1 THE earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof;
 The world and they that dwell therein:
- 2 For he hath founded it upon the seas,
 And established it upon the floods.
- 3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD?
 And who shall stand in his holy place?
- 4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart;
 Who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity,
 nor sworn deceitfully.
- 5 He shall receive the blessing from the LORD,
 And righteousness from the God of his salvation.
- 6 This is the generation of them that seek him,
 That seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
 And be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,
 And the King of Glory shall come in.
- 8 Who is this King of Glory?
 The LORD strong and mighty,
 The LORD mighty in battle.
- 9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
 Even lift them up, ye everlasting doors
 And the King of Glory shall come in.
- 10 Who is this King of Glory?
 The LORD of hosts he is the King of Glory.
 Selah.

PSALM XXV.

- 1 UNTO thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
 2 O my God, I trust in thee:

- Let me not be ashamed ;
 Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
- 3 Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed,
 Let them be ashamed which transgress
 without cause.
- 4 Show me thy ways, O LORD ;
 Teach me thy paths.
- 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me :
 For thou *art* the God of my salvation :
 On thee do I wait all the day.
- 6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies,
 And thy loving-kindnesses ;
 For they *have been* ever of old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor
 my transgressions :
 According to thy mercy remember thou me,
 For thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD :
 Therefore will he teach sinners in the way.
- 9 The meek will he guide in judgment,
 And the meek will he teach his way.
- 10 All the paths of the LORD *are* mercy and
 truth
 Unto such as keep his covenant and his tes-
 timonies.
- 11 For thy name's sake, O LORD,
 Pardon mine iniquity ; for it is great.
- 12 What man is he that feareth the LORD ?
 Him shall he teach in the way *that* he shall
 choose :
- 13 His soul shall dwell at ease ;
 And his seed shall inherit the earth.
- 14 The secret of the LORD *is* with them that
 fear him ;
 And he will show them his covenant.
- 15 Mine eyes *are* ever toward the LORD :
 For he shall pluck my feet out of the net.
- 16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me :
 For I *am* desolate and afflicted.
- 17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged ;
 O bring thou me out of my distresses.
- 18 Look upon mine affliction and my pain ;
 And forgive all my sins.
- 19 Consider mine enemies : for they are many,
 And they hate me with cruel hatred.
- 20 O keep my soul, and deliver me :
 Let me not be ashamed ;
 For I put my trust in thee.
- 21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me ;
 For I wait on thee.
- 22 Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles.

PSALM XXVI.

- 1 JUDGE me, O LORD ;
 For I have walked in mine integrity :
 I have trusted also in the LORD ;
 Therefore I shall not slide.
- 2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me ;
 Try my reins and my heart.
- 3 For thy loving-kindness *is* before mine eyes ;
 And I have walked in thy truth.
- 4 I have not sat with vain persons,
 Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
- 5 I have hated the congregation of evil-doers ;
 And will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash mine hands in innocence :
 So will I compass thine altar, O LORD ;
- 7 That I may publish with the voice of thanks-
 giving,
 And tell of all thy wondrous works.
- 8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy
 house,
 And the place where thine honor dwelleth.
- 9 Gather not my soul with sinners,
 Nor my life with bloody men ;

- 10 In whose hands *is* mischief,
 And their right hand is full of bribes.
- 11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity :
 Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
- 12 My foot standeth in an even place :
 In the congregations will I bless the LORD.

PSALM XXVII.

- 1 THE LORD *is* my light and my salvation ;
 Whom shall I fear ?
 The LORD *is* the strength of my life ;
 Of whom shall I be afraid ?
- 2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and
 my foes,
 Came upon me to eat up my flesh, they
 stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an host should encamp against me,
 My heart shall not fear ;
 Though war should rise against me,
 In this *will* I be confident.
- 4 One *thing* have I desired of the LORD,
 That will I seek after ;
 That I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 All the days of my life,
 To behold the beauty of the LORD,
 And to inquire in his temple.
- 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me
 in his pavilion ;
 In the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide
 me ;
 He shall set me up upon a rock.
- 6 And now shall mine head be lifted up
 Above mine enemies round about me :
 Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle
 sacrifices of joy ;
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto
 the LORD.
- 7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice :
 Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
- 8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face ;
 My heart said unto thee,
 Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
- 9 Hide not thy face *far* from me ;
 Put not thy servant away in anger :
 Thou hast been my help ; leave me not,
 Neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- 10 When my father and my mother forsake me,
 Then the LORD will take me up.
- 11 Teach me thy way, O LORD,
 And lead me in a plain path, because of
 mine enemies.
- 12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine
 enemies :
 For false witnesses are risen up against me,
 And such as breathe out cruelty.
- 13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see
 the goodness of the LORD in the land of
 the living.
- 14 Wait on the LORD ; be of good courage,
 And he shall strengthen thine heart :
 Wait, I say, on the LORD.

PSALM XXVIII.

- 1 UNTO thee will I cry, O LORD
 My rock ; be not silent to me :
 Lest, if thou be silent to me,
 I become like them that go down into the pit.
- 2 Hear the voice of my supplications when I
 cry unto thee,
 When I lift up my hands toward thy holy
 oracle.
- 3 Draw me not away with the wicked,
 And with the workers of iniquity ;
 Which speak peace to their neighbors,
 But mischief *is* in their hearts.

- 4 Give them according to their deeds,
And according to the wickedness of their
endeavors:
Give them after the work of their hands;
Render to them their desert.
- 5 Because they regard not the works of the
LORD,
Nor the operation of his hands,
He shall destroy them, and not build them up.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD,
Because he hath heard the voice of my sup-
plications.
- 7 The LORD is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth,
And with my song will I praise him.
- 8 The LORD is their strength,
And he is the saving strength of his anointed.
- 9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Feed them also, and lift them up for ever.

PSALM XXIX.

- 1 GIVE unto the LORD, O ye mighty,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his
name:
Worship the LORD in the beauty of holi-
ness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth;
The LORD is upon many waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedars;
Yea, the LORD breaketh the cedars of Leb-
anon.
- 6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.
- 7 The voice of the LORD divideth the flames
of fire.
- 8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the wil-
derness;
The LORD shaketh the wilderness of Ka-
desh.
- 9 The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds
to calve,
And discovereth the forests:
And in his temple doth every one speak of
his glory.
- 10 The LORD sitteth upon the flood;
Yea, the LORD sitteth King for ever.
- 11 The LORD will give strength unto his peo-
ple;
The LORD will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXX.

- 1 I WILL extol thee, O LORD;
For thou hast lifted me up,
And hast not made my foes to rejoice over
me.
- 2 O LORD my God, I cried unto thee, and
thou hast healed me.
- 3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my soul
from the grave;
Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not
go down to the pit.
- 4 Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his,
And give thanks at the remembrance of his
holiness.
- 5 For his anger endureth but a moment;
In his favor is life:
Weeping may endure for a night,
But joy cometh in the morning.
- 6 And in my prosperity I said, I shall never
be moved.

- 7 LORD, by thy favor thou hast made my
mountain to stand strong:
Thou didst hide thy face, and I was troubled.
- 8 I cried to thee, O LORD;
And unto the LORD I made supplication.
- 9 What profit is there in my blood, when I
go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare
thy truth?
- 10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:
LORD, be thou my helper.
- 11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning into
dancing:
Thou hast put off my sackcloth, and girded
me with gladness;
- 12 To the end that my glory may sing praise
to thee, and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks unto
thee for ever.

PSALM XXXI.

- 1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust;
Let me never be ashamed:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.
- 2 Bow down thine ear to me;
Deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock,
For an house of defence to save me:
- 3 For thou art my rock and my fortress:
Therefore, for thy name's sake, lead me
and guide me.
- 4 Pull me out of the net that they have laid
privily for me;
For thou art my strength.
- 5 Into thine hand I commit my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of
truth.
- 6 I have hated them that regard lying vanities:
But I trust in the LORD.
- 7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
For thou hast considered my trouble;
Thou hast known my soul in adversities;
8 And hast not shut me up into the hand of
the enemy:
Thou hast set my foot in a large room.
- 9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am
in trouble;
Mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my
soul and my belly.
- 10 For my life is spent with grief, and my
years with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity,
And my bones are consumed.
- 11 I was a reproach among all mine enemies,
But especially among my neighbors,
And a fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without, fled from me.
- 12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
- 13 For I have heard the slander of many:
Fear was on every side:
While they took counsel together against
me,
They devised to take away my life.
- 14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD:
I said, Thou art my God.
- 15 My times are in thy hand:
Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies,
And from them that persecute me.
- 16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:
Save me for thy mercy's sake.
- 17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD;
For I have called upon thee:
Let the wicked be ashamed,
And let them be silent in the grave.
- 18 Let the lying lips be put to silence;

- Which speak grievous things proudly
And contemptuously against the righteous.
- 19 *Oh* how great is thy goodness,
Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee:
Which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!
- 20 Thou shalt hide them in the secret of thy presence, from the pride of man;
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion, from the strife of tongues.
- 21 Blessed be the LORD;
For he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.
- 22 For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes:
Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications, when I cried unto thee.
- 23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints:
For the LORD preserveth the faithful,
And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
- 24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart,
All ye that hope in the LORD.

PSALM XXXII.

- 1 BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven,
Whose sin is covered.
- 2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
Through my roaring all the day long,
4 (For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me)
My moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.
- 5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee;
And mine iniquity have I not hid.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD:
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.
- 6 For this shall every one that is godly
Pray unto thee, in a time when thou mayest be found:
Surely in the floods of great waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.
- 7 Thou art my hiding-place;
Thou shalt preserve me from trouble:
Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah.
- 8 I will instruct thee, and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will guide thee with mine eye.
- 9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule,
Which have no understanding;
Whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle,
Lest they come near unto thee.
- 10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:
But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.
- 11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

PSALM XXXIII.

- 1 REJOICE in the LORD, O ye righteous;
For praise is comely for the upright.
- 2 Praise the LORD with harp:
Sing unto him with the psaltery, and an instrument of ten strings.

- 3 Sing unto him a new song;
Play skillfully with a loud noise:
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right;
And all his works are done in truth.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment:
The earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.
- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap:
He layeth up the depth in store-houses.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him:
- 9 For he spake, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought:
He maketh the devices of the people of none effect.
- 11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever,
The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
- 12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
And the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
- 13 The LORD looketh from heaven;
He beholdeth all the sons of men.
- 14 From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.
- 15 He fashioneth their hearts alike;
He considereth all their works.
- 16 There is no king saved by the multitude of an host;
A mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
- 17 An horse is a vain thing for safety:
Neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him,
Upon them that hope in his mercy;
- 19 To deliver their soul from death,
And to keep them alive in famine.
- 20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield.
- 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him;
Because we have trusted in his holy name.
- 22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we hope in thee.

PSALM XXXIV.

- 1 I WILL bless the LORD at all times:
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall make her boast in the LORD:
The humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the LORD with me,
And let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened:
And their faces were not ashamed.
- 6 This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him,
And saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.
- 8 O taste and see that the LORD is good:
Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
- 9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints:
For there is no want to them that fear him.
- 10 The young lions do lack and suffer hunger

- But they that seek the LORD shall not want
any good *thing*.
- 11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me :
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 What man is *he* that desireth life,
And loveth *many* days, that he may see
good ?
- 13 Keep thy tongue from evil,
And thy lips from speaking guile.
- 14 Depart from evil, and do good ;
Seek peace, and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the right-
eous,
And his ears are open unto their cry.
- 16 The face of the LORD is against them that
do evil,
To cut off the remembrance of them from
the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth
And delivereth them out of all their troubles.
- 18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a
broken heart ;
And saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
- 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous :
But the LORD delivereth him out of them all.
- 20 He keepeth all his bones :
Not one of them is broken.
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked ;
And they that hate the righteous shall be
desolate.
- 22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his ser-
vant :
And none of them that trust in him shall
be desolate.

PSALM XXXV.

- 1 FLEAD my cause, O LORD, with them
that strive with me :
Fight against them that fight against me.
- 2 Take hold of shield and buckler,
And stand up for mine help.
- 3 Draw out also the spear,
And so p the way against them that perse-
cute me :
Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
- 4 Let them be confounded and put to shame
That seek after my soul :
Let them be turned back and brought to
confusion
That devise my hurt.
- 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind :
And let the angel of the LORD chase them.
- 6 Let their way be dark and slippery ;
And let the angel of the LORD persecute them.
- 7 For without cause have they hid for me
their net in a pit,
Which without cause they have digged for
my soul.
- 8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares ;
And let his net that he hath hid catch him-
self :
Into that very destruction let him fall.
- 9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD :
I shall rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like
unto thee,
Which deliverest the poor from him that is
too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that
spoileth him ?
- 11 False witnesses did rise up :
They laid to my charge things that I knew
not.
- 12 They rewarded me evil for good,
To the spoiling of my soul.

- 13 But as for me, when they were sick,
My clothing was sackcloth :
I humbled my soul with fasting,
And my prayer returned into mine own
bosom.
- 14 I behaved myself as though he had been my
friend or brother :
I bowed down heavily, as one that mourn-
eth for his mother.
- 15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced,
And gathered themselves together ;
Yea, the abjects gathered themselves to-
gether against me, and I knew it not ;
They did tear me, and ceased not :
- 16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts,
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.
- 17 LORD, how long wilt thou look on ?
Rescue my soul from their destructions,
My darling from the lions.
- 18 I will give thee thanks in the great congre-
gation :
I will praise thee among much people.
- 19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrong-
fully rejoice over me :
Neither let them wink with the eye that
hate me without a cause.
- 20 For they speak not peace :
But they devise deceitful matters against
them that are quiet in the land.
- 21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against
me ;
And said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.
- 22 Thus thou hast seen, O LORD : keep not
silence :
O LORD, be not far from me.
- 23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment,
Even unto my cause, my God and my LORD.
- 24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to
thy righteousness ;
And let them not rejoice over me.
- 25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so
would we have it :
Let them not say, We have swallowed
him up.
- 26 Let them be ashamed and brought to con-
fusion together that rejoice at mine hurt :
Let them be clothed with shame and dis-
honour that magnify themselves against me.
- 27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that
say, We have a righteous cause :
Yea, let them say continually, Let the
LORD be glorified,
Which hath pleasure in the prosperity of
his servant.
- 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy right-
eousness
And of thy praise all the day long.

PSALM XXXVI.

- 1 THE transgression of the wicked saith
within his heart,
That there shall be no fear of God before his eyes.
- 2 For he fasteneth himself in his own eyes,
Until his iniquity be found to be hateful.
- 3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and
deceit :
He hath left off to be wise, and to do good.
- 4 He deviseth mischief upon his bed ;
He searcheth himself in a way that is not good ;
He abhorreth not evil.
- 5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens.
And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the
clouds.
- 6 Thy righteousness is like the great moun-
tains ;

- Thy judgments *are* a great deep :
 O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.
 7 How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God !
 Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
 8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house ;
 And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.
 9 For with thee is the fountain of life :
 In thy light shall we see light.
 10 O continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee,
 And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.
 11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,
 And let not the hand of the wicked remove me.
 12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen :
 They are cast down, and shall not be able to rise.

PSALM XXXVII.

- 1 FRET not thyself because of evil-doers,
 Neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.
 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,
 And wither as the green herb.
 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good ;
 So shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
 4 Delight thyself also in the LORD ;
 And he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
 5 Commit thy way unto the LORD ;
 Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.
 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light,
 And thy judgment as the noon-day.
 7 Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him :
 Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way,
 Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.
 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath ;
 Fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.
 9 For evil-doers shall be cut off :
 But those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.
 10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be :
 Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.
 11 But the meek shall inherit the earth ;
 And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.
 12 The wicked plotteth against the just,
 And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
 13 The LORD shall laugh at him :
 For he seeth that his day is coming.
 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword,
 And have bent their bow,
 To cast down the poor and needy,
 And to slay such as be of upright conversation.
 15 Their sword shall enter into their own heart,
 And their bows shall be broken.
 16 A little that a righteous man hath
 Is better than the riches of many wicked.
 17 For the arms of the wicked shall be broken :
 But the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

- 18 The LORD knoweth the days of the upright :
 And their inheritance shall be for ever.
 19 They shall not be ashamed in the evil time :
 And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.
 20 But the wicked shall perish,
 And the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs :
 They shall consume ; into smoke shall they consume away.
 21 The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again :
 But the righteous sheweth mercy, and giveth.
 22 For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the earth ;
 And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.
 23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD :
 And he delighteth in his way.
 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down :
 For the LORD upholdeth him with his hand.
 25 I have been young, and now am old ;
 Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,
 Nor his seed begging bread.
 26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth ;
 And his seed is blessed.
 27 Depart from evil, and do good ;
 And dwell for evermore.
 28 For the LORD loveth judgment,
 And forsaketh not his saints ;
 They are preserved for ever :
 But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.
 29 The righteous shall inherit the land,
 And dwell therein for ever.
 30 The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom,
 And his tongue talketh of judgment,
 31 The law of his God is in his heart ;
 None of his steps shall slide.
 32 The wicked watcheth the righteous,
 And seeketh to slay him.
 33 The LORD will not leave him in his hand,
 Nor condemn him when he is judged.
 34 Wait on the LORD, and keep his way,
 And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land :
 When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.
 35 I have seen the wicked in great power,
 And spreading himself like a green bay-tree :
 36 Yet he passed away, and lo, he was not ;
 Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.
 37 Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright :
 For the end of that man is peace.
 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together ;
 The end of the wicked shall be cut off.
 39 But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD :
 His strength in the time of trouble.
 40 And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them :
 He shall deliver them from the wicked,
 and save them,
 Because they trust in him.

PSALM XXXVIII.

- 1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath ;
 Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
 2 For thine arrows stick fast in me,
 And thy hand presseth me sore.
 3 There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger ;

- Neither *is there any rest in my bones* because of my sin.
- 4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:
As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
- 5 My wounds stink
And are corrupt because of my foolishness.
- 6 I am troubled; I am bowed down greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
- 7 For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease:
And there is no soundness in my flesh.
- 8 I am feeble and sore broken:
I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
- 9 LORD, all my desire is before thee;
And my groaning is not hid from thee.
- 10 My heart panted, my strength faileth me:
As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.
- 11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my sore;
And my kinsmen stand afar off.
- 12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;
And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things,
And imagine deceits all the day long.
- 13 But I, as a deaf man, heard not;
And I was as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
- 14 Thus I was as a man that heareth not;
And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
- 15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope:
Thou wilt hear, O LORD my God.
- 16 For I said, *Hear me, lest otherwise they should rejoice over me:*
When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.
- 17 For I am ready to halt,
And my sorrow is continually before me.
- 18 For I will declare mine iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.
- 19 But mine enemies are lively, and they are strong:
And they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.
- 20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries;
Because I follow *the thing that good is*.
- 21 Forsake me not, O LORD:
O my God, be not far from me.
- 22 Make haste to help me,
O LORD my salvation.

PSALM XXXIX.

- 1 I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue:
I will keep my mouth with a bridle,
While the wicked is before me.
- 2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace,
Even from good: and my sorrow is stirred.
- 3 My heart was hot within me,
While I was musing the fire burned:
Then spake I with my tongue.
- 4 LORD, make me to know mine end,
And the measure of my days, what it is;
That I may know how frail I am.
- 5 Behold, thou hast made my days as an hand-breadth;
And mine age is as nothing before thee:
Verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.
- 6 Surely every man walketh in a vain show:
Surely they are disquieted in vain:

- He heareth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.
- 7 And now, LORD, what wait I for?
My hope is in thee.
- 8 Deliver me from all my transgressions:
Make me not the reproach of the foolish.
- 9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth;
Because thou didst it.
- 10 Remove thy stroke away from me:
I am consumed by the blow of thine hand.
- 11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,
Thou makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:
Surely every man is vanity. Selah.
- 12 Hear my prayer, O LORD,
And give ear unto my cry:
Hold not thy peace at my tears:
For I am a stranger with thee,
And a sojourner, as all my fathers were.
- 13 O spare me, that I may recover strength,
Before I go hence, and be no more.

PSALM XL.

- 1 I WAITED patiently for the LORD,
And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.
- 2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit,
Out of the miry clay,
And set my feet upon a rock,
And established my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth,
even praise unto our God:
Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the LORD.
- 4 Blessed is that man that maketh the LORD his trust:
And respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
- 5 Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done,
And thy thoughts which are to us-ward:
They cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee:
If I would declare and speak of them,
They are more than can be numbered.
- 6 Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire;
Mine ears hast thou opened:
Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.
- 7 Then said I, Lo, I come:
In the volume of the book it is written of me;
I delight to do thy will, O my God:
Yea, thy law is within my heart.
- 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:
Lo, I have not refrained my lips,
O LORD, thou knowest.
- 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart;
I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:
I have not concealed thy loving-kindness
And thy truth from the great congregation.
- 11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O LORD:
Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.
- 12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about:
Mine iniquities have taken hold upon me,
so that I am not able to look up:
They are more than the hairs of mine head:
Therefore my heart faileth me.
- 13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me:
O LORD, make haste to help me.

- 14 Let them be ashamed and confounded together
That seek after my soul to destroy it ;
Let them be driven backward,
And put to shame, that wish me evil.
- 15 Let them be desolate for a reward of their shame,
That say unto me, Aha, aha !
- 16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee :
Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.
- 17 But I *am* poor and needy ;
Yet the LORD thinketh upon me :
Thou art my help and my deliverer ;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

PSALM XLI.

- 1 BLESSED is he that considereth the poor :
The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.
- 2 The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive ;
And he shall be blessed upon the earth :
And thou wilt not deliver him into the will of his enemies.
- 3 The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing :
Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.
- 4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me ;
Heal my soul ; for I have sinned against thee.
- 5 Mine enemies speak evil of me ;
When shall he die, and his name perish ?
- 6 And if he come to see me he speaketh vanity :
His heart gathereth iniquity to itself ;
When he goeth abroad he telleth it.
- 7 All that hate me whisper together against me ;
Against me do they devise my hurt.
- 8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him :
And now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.
- 9 Yea, mine own familiar friend in whom I trusted,
Which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.
- 10 But thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me,
And raise me up, that I may requite them.
- 11 By this I know that thou favorest me ;
Because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.
- 12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity,
And settest me before thy face for ever.
- 13 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen and Amen.

SECOND BOOK.

PSALM XLII.

- 1 AS the hart panteth after the water brooks,
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.
- 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God :
When shall I come and appear before God ?
- 3 My tears have been my meat day and night,
While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God ?
- 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me :
For I had gone with the multitude,
I went with them to the house of God,
With the voice of joy and praise,
With a multitude that kept holy-day.

- 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?
And why art thou disquieted in me ?
Hope thou in God : for I shall yet praise him
For the help of his countenance.
- 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me :
Therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan,
And of the Hermonites, from the hill Mizar.
- 7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy water-spouts :
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.
- 8 Yet the LORD will command his loving-kindness in the day-time,
And in the night his song shall be with me,
And my prayer unto the God of my life.
- 9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me ?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy ?
- 10 As with a sword in my bones, mine enemies reproach me ;
While they say daily unto me, Where is thy God ?
- 11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?
And why art thou disquieted within me ?
Hope thou in God : for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIII.

- 1 JUDGE me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation :
O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.
- 2 For thou art the God of my strength :
Why dost thou cast me off ?
Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy ?
- 3 O send out thy light and thy truth :
Let them lead me ;
Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.
- 4 Then will I go unto the altar of God,
Unto God my exceeding joy :
Yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.
- 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul ?
And why art thou disquieted within me ?
Hope in God : for I shall yet praise him,
Who is the health of my countenance, and my God.

PSALM XLIV.

- 1 WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days, in the times of old.
- 2 How thou didst drive out the heathen with thy hand, and plantedst them ;
How thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.
- 3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them :
But thy right hand, and thine arm,
And the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.
- 4 Thou art my King, O God :
Command deliverances for Jacob.
- 5 Through thee will we push down our enemies :
Through thy name we will tread them under that rise up against us.

- 6 For I will not trust in my bow,
Neither shall my sword save me.
- 7 But thou hast saved us from our enemies,
And hast put them to shame that hated us.
- 8 In God we boast all the day long,
And praise thy name for ever. Selah.
- 9 But thou hast cast off, and put us to shame:
And goest not forth with our armies.
- 10 Thou makest us to turn back from the enemy:
And they which hate us spoil for themselves.
- 11 Thou hast given us like sheep *appointed* for meat;
And hast scattered us among the heathen.
- 12 Thou sellest thy people for nought,
And dost not increase *thy wealth* by their price.
- 13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.
- 14 Thou makest us a byword among the heathen,
A shaking of the head among the people.
- 15 My confusion is continually before me,
And the shame of my face hath covered me,
- 16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth;
By reason of the enemy and avenger.
- 17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee,
Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.
- 18 Our heart is not turned back,
Neither have our steps declined from thy way;
- 19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons,
And covered us with the shadow of death.
- 20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,
Or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
- 21 Shall not God search this out?
For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.
- 22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long;
We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.
- 23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O LORD?
Arise, cast us not off for ever.
- 24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?
- 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.
- 26 Arise for our help,
And redeem us for thy mercies' sake.

PSALM XLV.

- 1 MY heart is inditing a good matter:
I speak of the things which I have made touching the king:
My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- 2 Thou art fairer than the children of men:
Grace is poured into thy lips:
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.
- 3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty,
With thy glory and thy majesty.
- 4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously
Because of truth and meekness *and* righteousness;
And thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.
- 5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies;
Whereby the people fall under thee.
- 6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:

The sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

- 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
- 8 All thy garments *smell* of myrrh, and aloes,
and cassia,
Out of the ivory palaces,
Whereby they have made thee glad.
- 9 Kings' daughters *were* among thy honorable women:
Upon thy right hand did stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
- 10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;
- 11 So shall the king greatly desire thy beauty:
For he is thy LORD; and worship thou him.
- 12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift;
Even the rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.
- 13 The king's daughter is all glorious within:
Her clothing is of wrought gold.
- 14 She shall be brought unto the king in raiment of needlework:
The virgins her companions that follow her shall be brought unto thee.
- 15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought:
They shall enter into the king's palace.
- 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou mayest make princes in all the earth.
- 17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

PSALM XLVI.

- 1 GOD is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
- 3 Though the waters thereof roar *and* be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.
- 4 There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
The holy *place* of the tabernacles of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, *and that* right early.
- 6 The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted.
- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
What desolations he hath made in the earth.
- 9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariot in the fire.
- 10 Be still, and know that I *am* God:
I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth.
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

PSALM XLVII.

- 1 O CLAP your hands, all ye people ;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- 2 For the LORD most high is terrible ;
He is a great King over all the earth.
- 3 He shall subdue the people under us,
And the nations under our feet.
- 4 He shall choose our inheritance for us,
The excellency of Jacob whom he loved. Selah.
- 5 God is gone up with a shout,
The LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises :
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is the king of all the earth :
Sing ye praises with understanding.
- 8 God reigneth over the heathen :
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
- 9 The princes of the people are gathered
together,
Even the people of the God of Abraham :
For the shields of the earth *belong* unto God :
He is greatly exalted.

PSALM XLVIII.

- 1 GREAT is the LORD,
And greatly to be praised in the city of our
God,
In the mountain of his holiness.
- 2 Beautiful for situation,
The joy of the whole earth, *is* mount Zion,
On the sides of the north, the city of the
great King.
- 3 God is known in her palaces for a refuge.
- 4 For lo, the kings were assembled,
They passed by together.
- 5 They saw it, *and* so they marvelled :
They were troubled, *and* hasted away.
- 6 Fear took hold upon them there,
And pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with
an east wind.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen in the
city of the LORD of hosts,
In the city of our God : God will establish
it for ever. Selah.
- 9 We have thought of thy loving-kindness,
O God,
In the midst of thy temple :
- 10 According to thy name, O God,
So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth :
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.
- 11 Let mount Zion rejoice,
Let the daughters of Judah be glad, because
of thy judgments.
- 12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her :
Tell the towers thereof.
- 13 Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her
palaces ;
That ye may tell it to the generation follow-
ing.
- 14 For this God is our God for ever and ever :
He will be our guide *even* unto death.

PSALM XLIX.

- 1 HEAR this, all ye people ;
Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world :
- 2 Both low and high, rich and poor, together.
- 3 My mouth shall speak of wisdom ;
And the meditation of my heart *shall be* of
understanding.
- 4 I will incline mine ear to a parable :
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
- 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,

*When the iniquity of my heels shall com-
pass me about ?*

- 6 They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of
their riches :
- 7 None of *them* can by any means redeem
his brother.
- 8 Nor give to God a ransom for him :
3 (For the redemption of their soul is pre-
cious, and it ceaseth for ever ;)
- 9 That he should still live for ever, *and* not
see corruption.
- 10 For he seeth *that* wise men die,
Likewise the fool and the brutish person
perish,
And leave their wealth to others.
- 11 Their inward thought *is*, *that* their houses
shall continue for ever,
And their dwelling-places to all generations ;
They call *their* lands after their own names.
- 12 Nevertheless, man *being* in honor abideth
not :
He is like the beasts *that* perish.
- 13 This their way is their folly :
Yet their posterity approve their sayings,
Selah.
- 14 Like sheep they are laid in the grave :
Death shall feed on them ;
And the upright shall have dominion over
them in the morning ;
And their beauty shall consume in the grave
from their dwelling.
- 15 But God will redeem my soul from the
power of the grave :
For he shall receive me. Selah.
- 16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,
When the glory of his house is increased ;
- 17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing
away :
His glory shall not descend after him.
- 18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul :
And *men* will praise thee, when thou doest
well to thyself.
- 19 He shall go to the generation of his fathers ;
They shall never see light.
- 20 Man *that is* in honor, and understandeth
not,
Is like the beasts *that* perish.

PSALM L.

- 1 THE mighty God, *even* the LORD, hath
spoken,
And called the earth from the rising of the
sun unto the going down thereof.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep
silence :
A fire shall devour before him, and it shall
be very tempestuous round about him.
- 4 He shall call to the heavens from above,
And to the earth that he may judge his
people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me ;
Those that have made a covenant with me
by sacrifice.
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his right-
eousness :
For God is judge himself. Selah.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak ;
O Israel, and I will testify against thee :
I am God, *even* thy God.
- 8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices,
Or thy burnt-offerings, *to have been con-
tinually* before me.

- 9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
- 10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
And the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- 11 I know all the fowls of the mountains:
And the wild beasts of the field are mine.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee:
For the world is mine, and the fullness thereof.
- 13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving;
And pay thy vows unto the Most High:
- 15 And call upon me in the day of trouble:
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.
- 16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
Or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth?
- 17 Seeing thou hatest instruction,
And castest my words behind thee.
- 18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consentedst with him,
And hast been partaker with adulterers.
- 19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit,
- 20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;
Thou slanderest thine own mother's son.
- 21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence;
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself:
But I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.
- 22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,
Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver.
- 23 Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me:
And to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God.

PSALM LI.

- 1 HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness:
According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in thy sight:
That thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,
And be clear when thou judgest.
- 5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;
And in sin did my mother conceive me.
- 6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:
And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.
- 7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.
- 9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.
- 10 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.
- 11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy Spirit from me.
- 12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:
And uphold me with thy free Spirit.

- 13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.
- 14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God,
thou God of my salvation:
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- 15 O LORD, open thou my lips;
And my mouth shall show forth thy praise.
- 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it:
Thou delightest not in burnt-offering.
- 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
- 18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
- 19 Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness,
With burnt-offering, and whole burnt-offering:
Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

PSALM LII.

- 1 WHY boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
The goodness of God endureth continually.
- 2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs;
Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.
- 3 Thou lovest evil more than good;
And lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.
- 4 Thou lovest all-devouring words,
O thou deceitful tongue.
- 5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever:
He shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling-place,
And root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.
- 6 The righteous also shall see, and fear,
And shall laugh at him:
- 7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength;
But trusted in the abundance of his riches,
And strengthened himself in his wickedness.
- 8 But I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God:
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it:
And I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

PSALM LIII.

- 1 THE fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.
Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity:
There is none that doeth good.
- 2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,
To see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.
- 3 Every one of them is gone back:
They are altogether become filthy;
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
- 4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge?
Who eat up my people as they eat bread:
They have not called upon God.
- 5 There were they in great fear where no fear was:
For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee:
Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

- 6 O that the salvation of Israel *were come*
out of Zion !
When God bringeth back the captivity of
his people,
Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

PSALM LIV.

- 1 SAVE me, O God, by thy name,
And judge me by thy strength.
2 Hear my prayer, O God ;
Give ear to the words of my mouth.
3 For strangers are risen up against me,
And oppressors seek after my soul :
They have not set God before them. Selah.
4 Behold, God is mine helper :
The LORD is with them that uphold my soul.
5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies :
Cut them off in thy truth.
6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee :
I will praise thy name, O LORD, for it is
good.
7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble :
And mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon
mine enemies.

PSALM LV.

- 1 GIVE ear to my prayer, O God :
And hide not thyself from my supplication.
2 Attend unto me, and hear me :
I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise ;
3 Because of the voice of the enemy,
Because of the oppression of the wicked :
For they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath
they hate me.
4 My heart is sore pained within me ;
And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.
5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon
me,
And horror hath overwhelmed me.
6 And I said, O that I had wings like a dove !
For then would I fly away, and be at rest.
7 Lo, then would I wander far off,
And remain in the wilderness. Selah.
8 I would hasten my escape
From the windy storm and tempest.
9 Destroy, O LORD, and divide their tongues :
For I have seen violence and strife in the
city.
10 Day and night they go about it upon the
walls thereof :
Mischief also and sorrow are in the midst
of it.
11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof :
Deceit and guile depart not from her streets.
12 For it was not an enemy that reproached
me ;
Then I could have borne it :
Neither was it he that hated me that did
magnify himself against me ;
Then I would have hid myself from him.
13 But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My guide, and mine acquaintance.
14 We took sweet counsel together,
And walked unto the house of God in com-
pany.
15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go
down quick into hell :
For wickedness is in their dwellings, and
among them.
16 As for me, I will call upon God ;
And the LORD shall save me.
17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I
pray,
And cry aloud : and he shall hear my voice.
18 He hath delivered my soul in peace

- From the battle *that was* against me :
For there were many with me.
19 God shall hear and afflict them, even he
that abideth of old. Selah.
Because they have no changes, therefore
they fear not God.
20 He hath put forth his hands against such as
be at peace with him :
He hath broken his covenant.
21 The words of his mouth were smoother than
butter,
But war was in his heart :
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.
22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he
shall sustain thee :
He shall never suffer the righteous to be
moved.
23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down
into the pit of destruction :
Bloody and deceitful men shall not live out
half their days ;
But I will trust in thee.

PSALM LVI.

- 1 BE merciful unto me, O God :
For man would swallow me up ;
He fighting daily oppresseth me.
2 Mine enemies would daily swallow me up :
For they be many that fight against me, O
thou Most High.
3 What time I am afraid,
I will trust in thee.
4 In God I will praise his word ;
In God I have put my trust :
I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.
5 Every day they wrest my words :
All their thoughts are against me for evil.
6 They gather themselves together, they hide
themselves,
They mark my steps, when they wait for
my soul.
7 Shall they escape by iniquity ?
In thine anger, cast down the people, O God.
8 Thou tellest my wanderings :
Put thou my tears into thy bottle :
Are they not in thy book ?
9 When I cry unto thee, then shall mine ene-
mies turn back :
This I know ; for God is for me.
10 In God will I praise his word :
In the LORD will I praise his word.
11 In God have I put my trust :
I will not be afraid what man can do unto
me.
12 Thy vows are upon me, O God :
I will render praises unto thee.
13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death :
Will not thou deliver my feet from falling,
That I may walk before God in the light
of the living ?

PSALM LVII.

- 1 BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful
unto me :
For my soul trusteth in thee :
Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I
make my refuge,
Until these calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God most high ;
Unto God that performeth all things for me.
3 He shall send from heaven, and save me
From the reproach of him that would swal-
low me up. Selah
God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

- 4 My soul is among lions:
And I lie even among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
And their tongue a sharp sword.
- 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let thy glory be above all the earth.
- 6 They have prepared a net for my steps;
 My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me,
Into the midst whereof they are fallen themselves. Selah.
- 7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed:
 I will sing and give praise.
- 8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp:
I myself will awake early.
- 9 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people:
I will sing unto thee among the nations.
- 10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
 And thy truth unto the clouds.
- 11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:
Let thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM LVIII.

- 1 DO ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation?
 Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?
- 2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness;
 Ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.
- 3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:
 They go astray as soon as they be born,
 speaking lies.
- 4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent;
They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;
- 5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers,
 Charming never so wisely.
- 6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth;
 Break out the great teeth of the young lions,
 O LORD.
- 7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually:
When he bendeth his bow to shoot his arrows,
Let them be as cut in pieces.
- 8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of* them pass away:
Like the untimely birth of a woman,
That they may not see the sun.
- 9 Before your pots can feel the thorns.
 He shall take them away as with a whirlwind,
 Both living, and in his wrath.
- 10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:
 He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.
- 11 So that a man shall say, Verily there is a reward for the righteous:
 Verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

PSALM LIX.

- 1 DELIVER me from mine enemies, O my God:
 Defend me from them that rise up against me.
- 2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,
 And save me from bloody men.
- 3 For lo, they lie in wait for my soul:
 The mighty are gathered against me;
 Not for my transgression, nor for my sin,
 O LORD.

- 4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault:
 Awake to help me, and behold.
- 5 Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts,
 The God of Israel, awake to visit all the heathen:
 Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.
- 6 They return at evening:
 They make a noise like a dog,
 And go round about the city.
- 7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth:
 Swords are in their lips:
 For who, *say they*, doth hear?
- 8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;
 Thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.
- 9 Because of his strength will I wait upon thee:
 For God is my defence.
- 10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me:
 God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.
- 11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:
 Scatter them by thy power;
 And bring them down, O LORD our shield.
- 12 For the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips
 Let them even be taken in their pride:
 And for cursing and lying *which* they speak.
- 13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they may not be:
 And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.
- 14 And at evening let them return;
 And let them make a noise like a dog,
 And go round about the city.
- 15 Let them wander up and down for meat,
 And grudge if they be not satisfied.
- 16 But I will sing of thy power;
 Yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning:
 For thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.
- 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing:
 For God is my defence, and the God of my mercy.

PSALM LX.

- 1 O GOD, thou hast cast us off.
 Thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased;
 O turn thyself to us again.
- 2 Thou hast made the earth to tremble; thou hast broken it:
 Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.
- 3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things:
 Thou hast made us to drink the wine of astonishment.
- 4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,
 That it may be displayed because of the truth. Selah.
- 5 That thy beloved may be delivered;
 Save with thy right hand, and hear me.
- 6 God hath spoken in his holiness;
 I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem,
 And mete out the valley of Succoth.
- 7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;
 Ephraim also is the strength of mine head;
 Judah is my lawgiver;
- 8 Moab is my wash-pot;
 Over Edom will I cast out my shoe:
 Philistia, triumph thou because of me.
- 9 Who will bring me into the strong city?
 Who will lead me into Edom?

- 10 *Will not thou, O God, which hadst cast us off?*
And thou, O God, which didst not go out
with our armies?
 11 Give us help from trouble;
 For vain is the help of man.
 12 Through God we shall do valiantly:
 For he it is that shall tread down our ene-
 mies.

PSALM LXI.

- 1 HEAR my cry, O God;
 Attend unto my prayer.
 2 From the end of the earth will I cry unto
 thee,
 When my heart is overwhelmed:
 Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
 3 For thou hast been a shelter for me,
 And a strong tower from the enemy.
 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever:
 I will trust in the covert of thy wings.
 Selah.
 5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
 Thou hast given me the heritage of those
 that fear thy name.
 6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
 And his years as many generations.
 7 He shall abide before God for ever:
 O prepare mercy and truth, which may
 preserve him.
 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever,
 That I may daily perform my vows.

PSALM LXII.

- 1 TRULY my soul waiteth upon God:
 From him cometh my salvation.
 2 He only is my rock and my salvation;
 He is my defence; I shall not be greatly
 moved.
 3 How long will ye imagine mischief against
 a man?
 Ye shall be slain all of you:
 As a bowing wall shall ye be, and as a
 tottering fence.
 4 They only consult to cast him down from
 his excellency;
 They delight in lies:
 They bless with their mouth, but they curse
 inwardly. Selah.
 5 My soul, wait thou only upon God;
 For my expectation is from him.
 6 He only is my rock and my salvation;
 He is my defence; I shall not be moved.
 7 In God is my salvation and my glory:
 The rock of my strength, and my refuge is
 in God.
 8 Trust in him at all times;
 Ye people, pour out your heart before him:
 God is a refuge for us. Selah.
 9 Surely men of low degree are vanity,
 And men of high degree are a lie:
 To be laid in the balance,
 They are altogether lighter than vanity.
 10 Trust not in oppression, and become not
 vain in robbery:
 If riches increase, set not your heart upon
 them.
 11 God hath spoken once;
 Twice have I heard this;
 That power belongeth unto God.
 12 Also unto thee, O LORD, belongeth mercy:
 For thou renderest to every man according
 to his work.

PSALM LXIII.

- 1 O GOD, thou art my God; early will I
 seek thee:

- My soul thirsteth for thee,
 My flesh longeth for thee in a dry and
 thirsty land,
 Where no water is;
 2 To see thy power and thy glory,
 So as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.
 3 Because thy loving-kindness is better than
 life,
 My lips shall praise thee.
 4 Thus will I bless thee while I live:
 I will lift up my hands in thy name.
 5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow
 and fatness;
 And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful
 lips:
 6 When I remember thee upon my bed;
 And meditate on thee in the night watches.
 7 Because thou hast been my help;
 Therefore in the shadow of thy wings will
 I rejoice.
 8 My soul followeth hard after thee:
 Thy right hand upholdeth me.
 9 But those that seek my soul to destroy it,
 Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
 10 They shall fall by the sword;
 They shall be a portion for foxes.
 11 But the king shall rejoice in God;
 Every one that sweareth by him shall glory:
 But the mouth of them that speak lies shall
 be stopped.

PSALM LXIV.

- 1 HEAR my voice, O God, in my prayer:
 Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
 2 Hide me from the secret counsel of the
 wicked;
 From the insurrection of the workers of
 iniquity,
 3 Who whet their tongue like a sword,
 And bend their bows to shoot their arrows,
 even bitter words;
 4 That they may shoot in secret at the perfect:
 Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.
 5 They encourage themselves in an evil mat-
 ter:
 They commune of laying snares privily;
 They say, Who shall see them?
 6 They search out iniquities;
 They accomplish a diligent search:
 Both the inward thought of every one of
 them, and the heart, is deep.
 7 But God shall shoot at them with an arrow;
 Suddenly shall they be wounded.
 8 So they shall make their own tongue to fall
 upon themselves:
 All that see them shall flee away.
 9 And all men shall fear, and shall declare
 the work of God;
 For they shall wisely consider of his doing.
 10 The righteous shall be glad in the LORD,
 and shall trust in him;
 And all the upright in heart shall glory.

PSALM LXV.

- 1 PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:
 And unto thee shall the vow be per-
 formed.
 2 O thou that hearest prayer,
 Unto thee shall all flesh come.
 3 Iniquities prevail against me:
 As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge
 them away.
 4 Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth,
 And caustest to approach unto thee, that he
 may dwell in thy courts:

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, *even* of thy holy temple.

5 By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation;
Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,

And of them that are afar off *upon* the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;

Being girded with power:

7 Which stilleth the noise of the seas,
The noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it:
Thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, *which* is full of water:
Thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

10 Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly;

Thou settlest the furrows thereof;

Thou makest it soft with showers:

Thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness:
And thy paths drop fatness.

12 They drop *upon* the pastures of the wilderness;

And the little hills rejoice on every side.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn;
They shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM LXVI.

1 MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

2 Sing forth the honor of his name:

Make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible *art thou* in thy works!

Through the greatness of thy power
Shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee;

They shall sing to thy name. *Selah.*

5 Come and see the works of God:
He is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry *land*:

They went through the flood on foot:

There did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his power for ever;

His eyes behold the nations:

Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. *Selah.*

8 O bless our God, ye people,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which holdeth our soul in life,

And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:

Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net;

Thou laidest affliction upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads:
We went through fire and through water:

But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy *place*.

13 I will go into thy house with burnt-offerings:

14 I will pay thee my vows, ¹ which my lips

have uttered,

And my mouth hath spoken, when I was

in trouble.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt-sacrifices of fat-lings,

With the incense of rams; I will offer bullocks with goats. *Selah.*

16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God,
And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth,
And he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I regard iniquity in my heart,

The LORD will not hear *me*:

19 *But* verily God hath heard *me*;

He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer,

Nor his mercy from me.

PSALM LXVII.

1 GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us;
And cause his face to shine upon us. *Selah.*

2 That thy way may be known upon earth,

Thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the people praise thee, O God;

Let all the people praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad, and sing for joy;
For thou shalt judge the people righteously,

And govern the nations upon earth. *Selah.*

5 Let the people praise thee, O God;

Let all the people praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth yield her increase;

And God, *even* our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us;

And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

PSALM LXVIII.

1 LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered:
Let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive *them* away:

As wax melteth before the fire,

So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God:

Yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:

Extol him that rideth upon the heavens

By his name JAH, and rejoice before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows.

Is God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families:

He bringeth out those which are bound with chains:

But the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,

When thou didst march through the wilderness; *Selah:*

8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God:

Even Sinai itself *was* moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,
Whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance when it was weary.

10 Thy congregation hath dwelt therein:

Thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The LORD gave the word:

Great *was* the company of those that published it.

12 Kings of armies did flee apace:

And she that tarried at home divided the spoil.

- 13 Though ye have lien among the pots,
Yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered
with silver,
And her feathers with yellow gold.
- 14 When the Almighty scattered kings in it,
It was white as snow in Salmon.
- 15 The hill of God is as the hill of Bashan;
An high hill, as the hill of Bashan.
- 16 Why leap ye, ye high hills?
This is the hill which God desireth to dwell
in;
Yea, the LORD will dwell in it for ever.
- 17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand,
even thousands of angels;
The LORD is among them as in Sinai, in
the holy place.
- 18 Thou hast ascended on high,
Thou hast led captivity captive:
Thou hast received gifts for men;
Yea, for the rebellious also,
That the LORD God might dwell among
them.
- 19 Blessed be the LORD, who daily loadeth us
with benefits,
Even the God of our salvation. Selah.
- 20 He that is our God is the God of salvation;
And unto God the LORD belong the issues
from death.
- 21 But God shall wound the head of his ene-
mies,
And the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth
on still in his trespasses.
- 22 The LORD said, I will bring again from
Bashan,
I will bring my people again from the depths
of the sea:
- 23 That thy foot may be dipped in the blood
of thine enemies,
And the tongue of thy dogs in the same.
- 24 They have seen thy goings, O God,
Even the goings of my God, my King, in
the sanctuary.
- 25 The singers went before,
The players on instruments followed after;
Among them were the damsels playing with
timbrels.
- 26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
Even the LORD, from the fountain of Israel.
- 27 There is little Benjamin with their ruler,
The princes of Judah and their council,
The princes of Zebulun, and the princes of
Naphtali.
- 28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast
wrought for us.
- 29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem
Shall kings bring presents unto thee.
- 30 Rebuke the company of spearmen,
The multitude of the bulls, with the calves
of the people,
Till every one submit himself with pieces
of silver:
Scatter thou the people that delight in war.
- 31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
Ethiopia shall soon stretch out her hands
unto God.
- 32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;
O sing praises unto the LORD; Selah:
- 33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of
heavens which were of old;
Lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a
mighty voice.
- 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God;
His excellency is over Israel, and his
strength is in the clouds.

- 35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy
places:
The God of Israel is he that giveth strength
and power unto his people.
Blessed be God.

PSALM LXIX.

- 1 SAVE me, O God;
For the waters are come in unto my soul.
- 2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no stand-
ing:
I am come into deep waters, where the
floods overflow me.
- 3 I am weary of my crying,
My throat is dried:
Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.
- 4 They that hate me without a cause are more
than the hairs of mine head;
They that would destroy me, being mine
enemies wrongfully, are mighty:
Then I restored that which I took not away.
- 5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness;
And my sins are not hid from thee.
- 6 Let not them that wait on thee, O LORD GOD
of hos's, be ashamed for my sake:
Let not those that seek thee be confounded
for my sake, O God of Israel.
- 7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;
Shame hath covered my face.
- 8 I am become a stranger unto my bre'hren,
And an alien unto my mother's children.
- 9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;
And the reproaches of them that reproached
thee are fallen upon me.
- 10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with
fasting,
That was to my reproach.
- 11 I made sackcloth also my garment;
And I became a proverb to them.
- 12 They that sit in the gate speak against me;
And I was the song of the drunkards.
- 13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O
LORD,
In an acceptable time:
O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear
me,
In the truth of thy salvation.
- 14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not
sink:
Let me be delivered from them that hate
me, and out of the deep waters.
- 15 Let not the water-flood overflow me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up,
And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.
- 16 Hear me, O LORD; for thy loving-kind-
ness is good;
Turn unto me according to the multitude of
thy tender mercies.
- 17 And hide not thy face from thy servant;
For I am in trouble: hear me speedily.
- 18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:
Deliver me because of mine enemies.
- 19 Thou hast known my reproach, and my
shame, and my dishonor:
Mine adversaries are all before thee.
- 20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am
full of heaviness:
And I looked for some to take pity, but
there was none,
And for comforters, but I found none.
- 21 They gave me also gall for my meat;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to
drink.
- 22 Let their table become a snare before
them:

- And *that which should have been for their welfare, let it become a trap.*
- 23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not; And make their loins continually to shake.
- 24 Pour out thine indignation upon them. And let thy wrathful anger take hold of them.
- 25 Let their habitation be desolate; And let none dwell in their tents.
- 26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; And they talk to the grief of those whom thou hast wounded.
- 27 Add iniquity to their iniquity: And let them not come into thy righteousness.
- 28 Let them be blotted out of the book of the living, And not be written with the righteous.
- 29 But I *am* poor and sorrowful; Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.
- 30 I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify him with thanksgiving.
- 31 *This* also shall please the LORD better than an ox Or bullock that hath horns and hoofs.
- 32 The humble shall see *this*, and be glad: And your heart shall live that seek God.
- 33 For the LORD heareth the poor, And despiseth not his prisoners.
- 34 Let the heaven and earth praise him, The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.
- 35 For God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah; That they may dwell there, and have it in possession.
- 36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it: And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

PSALM LXX.

- MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; Make haste to help me, O LORD.*
- 2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: Let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.
- 3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame, that say, Aha, aha.
- 4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; And let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
- 5 But I *am* poor and needy; Make haste unto me, O God: Thou art my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

PSALM LXXI.

- 1 IN thee, O LORD, do I put my trust: Let me never be put to confusion.
- 2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and cause me to escape: Incline thine ear unto me, and save me.
- 3 Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; For thou art my rock and my fortress.
- 4 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.
- 5 For thou art my hope, O Lord GOD: Thou art my trust from my youth.

- 6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb: Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels: My praise shall be continually of thee.
- 7 I am as a wonder unto many: But thou art my strong refuge.
- 8 Let my mouth be filled with thy praise, And with thy honor all the day.
- 9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
- 10 For mine enemies speak against me; And they that lay wait for my soul take counsel together.
- 11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: Persecute and take him; For there is none to deliver him.
- 12 O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.
- 13 Let them be confounded and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.
- 14 But I will hope continually, And will yet praise thee more and more.
- 15 My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness, and thy salvation all the day; For I know not the numbers thereof.
- 16 I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.
- 17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
- 18 Now also, when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; Until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, And thy power to every one that is to come.
- 19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, Who hast done great things: O God, who is like unto thee!
- 20 Thou, which hast showed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, And shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.
- 21 Thou shalt increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side.
- 22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, Even thy truth, O my God: Unto thee will I sing with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
- 23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
- 24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long: For they are confounded, for they are brought unto shame, that seek my hurt.

PSALM LXXII.

- 1 GIVE the king thy judgments, O God, And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2 He shall judge thy people with righteousness, And thy poor with judgment.
- 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness.
- 4 He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
- 5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations.

- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass ;
As showers *that* water the earth.
- 7 In his days shall the righteous flourish ;
And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.
- 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,
And from the river unto the ends of the earth.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him ;
And his enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents :
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him :
All nations shall serve him.
- 12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth ;
The poor also, and *him* that hath no helper.
- 13 He shall spare the poor and needy,
And shall save the souls of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence :
And precious shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 And he shall live, and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba :
Prayer also shall be made for him continually ;
And daily shall he be praised.
- 16 There shall be an handful of corn in the earth upon the top of the mountains ;
The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon :
And *they* of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
- 17 His name shall endure for ever :
His name shall be continued as long as the sun :
And *men* shall be blessed in him :
All nations shall call him blessed.
- 18 Blessed be the LORD God, the God of Israel,
Who only doeth wondrous things.
- 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever :
And let the whole earth be filled *with* his glory.
Amen, and amen.
- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

THIRD BOOK.

PSALM LXXIII.

- 1 TRULY God is good to Israel,
Even to such as are of a clean heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone ;
My steps had well-nigh slipped.
- 3 For I was envious at the foolish,
When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For *there* are no bands in their death :
But their strength is firm.
- 5 They are not in trouble as *other* men ;
Neither are they plagued like *other* men.
- 6 Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain ;
Violence covereth them *as* a garment.
- 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness :
They have more than heart could wish.
- 8 They are corrupt, and speak wickedly
Concerning oppression : they speak loftily.
- 9 They set their mouth against the heavens,
And their tongue walketh through the earth.
- 10 Therefore his people return hither :

- And waters of a full *cup* are wrung out to them.
- 11 And they say, How doth God know ?
And is there knowledge in the Most High ?
- 12 Behold, these *are* the ungodly, who prosper in the world :
They increase *in* riches.
- 13 Verily I have cleansed my heart in vain,
And washed my hands in innocence.
- 14 For all the day long have I been plagued,
And chastened every morning.
- 15 If I say, I will speak thus :
Behold I should offend *against* the generation of thy children.
- 16 When I thought to know this,
It was too painful for me.
- 17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God ;
Then understood I their end.
- 18 Surely thou didst set them in slippery places :
Thou castedst them down into destruction.
- 19 How are they *brought* into desolation, as in a moment !
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
- 20 As a dream when *one* awaketh ;
So, O LORD, when thou awakest, thou shalt despise their image.
- 21 Thus my heart was grieved,
And I was pricked in my reins.
- 22 So foolish *was* I, and ignorant :
I was *as* a beast before thee.
- 23 Nevertheless, I *am* continually with thee :
Thou hast holden *me* by my right hand.
- 24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me to glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven *but* thee ?
And *there* is none upon earth *that* I desire besides thee.
- 26 My flesh and my heart faileth :
But God is the strength of my heart,
And my portion for ever.
- 27 For lo, they that are far from thee shall perish :
Thou hast destroyed all them that go a whoring from thee.
- 28 But it is good for me to draw near to God :
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,
That I may declare all thy works.

PSALM LXXIV.

- 1 O GOD, why hast thou cast *us* off for ever ?
Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture ?
- 2 Remember thy congregation, *which* thou hast purchased of old ;
The rod of thine inheritance, *which* thou hast redeemed,
This mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
- 3 Lift up thy zeal unto the perpetual desolations :
Even *all that* the enemy hath done wickedly in the sanctuary.
- 4 Thine enemies roar in the midst of thy congregations ;
They set up their ensigns for signs.
- 5 *A man* was famous according as he had lifted up axes upon the thick trees.
- 6 But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers.
- 7 They have cast fire into thy sanctuary,
They have defiled *by casting down* the dwelling-place of thy name to the ground.
- 8 They said in their hearts, Let us destroy them together :
They have burned up all the synagogues of God in the land.

- 9 We see not our signs: *there is* no more any prophet;
Neither is *there* among us any that knoweth how long.
- 10 O God, how long shall the adversary reproach?
Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?
- 11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, even thy right hand?
Pluck it out of thy bosom.
- 12 For God is my King of old.
Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
- 13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength:
Thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters.
- 14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces,
And gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
- 15 Thou didst cleave the fountain and the flood:
Thou driedst up mighty rivers.
- 16 The day is thine, the night also is thine:
Thou hast prepared the light and the sun.
- 17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth;
Thou hast made summer and winter.
- 18 Remember this, that the enemy hath reproached, O LORD,
And that the foolish people have blasphemed thy name.
- 19 O deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the multitude of the wicked:
Forget not the congregation of thy poor for ever.
- 20 Have respect unto the covenant:
For the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty.
- 21 O let not the oppressed return ashamed:
Let the poor and needy praise thy name.
- 22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:
Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily.
- 23 Forget not the voice of thine enemies:
The tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually.

PSALM LXXV.

- 1 UNTO thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks:
For that thy name is near, thy wondrous works declare.
- 2 When I shall receive the congregation
I will judge uprightly.
- 3 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:
I bear up the pillars of it. *Selah.*
- 4 I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly;
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
Lift not up your horn on high:
Speak not with a stiff neck.
- 6 For promotion cometh neither from the east,
Nor from the west, nor from the south.
- 7 But God is the Judge:
He putteth down one, and setteth up another.
- 8 For in the hand of the LORD *there is* a cup,
And the wine is red:
It is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same:
But the dregs thereof all the wicked of the earth
Shall wring them out, and drink them.
- 9 But I will declare for ever;
I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

- 10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

PSALM LXXVI.

- 1 IN Judah is God known:
His name is great in Israel.
- 2 In Salem also is his tabernacle,
And his dwelling-place in Zion.
- 3 There brake he the arrows of the bow,
The shield, and the sword, and the battle. *Selah.*
- 4 Thou *art* more glorious *and* excellent than the mountains of prey.
- 5 The stout-hearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
- 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both the chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
- 7 Thou, even thou, *art* to be feared:
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
- 8 Thou didst cause judgment to be heard from heaven;
The earth feared, and was still,
- 9 When God arose to judgment,
To save all the meek of the earth. *Selah.*
- 10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
The remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.
- 11 Vow, and pay unto the LORD your God:
Let all that be round about him
Bring presents unto him: that ought to be feared.
- 12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes:
He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

PSALM LXXVII.

- 1 I CRIED unto God with my voice,
Even unto God with my voice;
And he gave ear unto me.
- 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the LORD:
My sore ran in the night, and ceased not:
My soul refused to be comforted.
- 3 I remembered God, and was troubled:
I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. *Selah.*
- 4 Thou holdest mine eyes waking:
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
- 5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
- 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart:
And my spirit made diligent search.
- 7 Will the LORD cast off for ever?
And will he be favorable no more?
- 8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever?
Doth his promise fail for evermore?
- 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? *Selah.*
- 10 And I said, This is my infirmity:
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.
- 11 I will remember the works of the LORD:
Surely I will remember thy wonders of old.
- 12 I will meditate also of all thy work,
And talk of thy doings.
- 13 Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary:
Who is so great a God as our God!
- 14 Thou *art* the God that doest wonders:
Thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

- 15 Thou hast with *thine* arm redeemed thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. Selah.
16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee;
They were afraid: the depths also were troubled.
17 The clouds poured out water:
The skies sent out a sound:
Thine arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder *was* in the heaven:
The lightnings lightened the world:
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way *is* in the sea,
And thy path in the great waters,
And thy footsteps are not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM LXXVIII.

- 1 GIVE ear, O my people, *to my law*:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable:
I will utter dark sayings of old:
3 Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide *them* from their children,
Showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
And his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which he commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children:
6 That the generation to come might know *them*,
Even the children *which* should be born;
Who should arise and declare *them* to their children:
7 That they might set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:
8 And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation;
A generation *that* set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not stedfast with God.
9 The children of Ephraim, *being* armed, and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law;
11 And forgot his works,
And his wonders that he had showed them.
12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, *in* the field of Zoan.
13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through:
And he made the waters to stand as an heap.
14 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave the rocks in the wilderness,
And gave *them* drink as out of the great depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 And they sinned yet more against him
By provoking the Most High in the wilderness.
18 And they tempted God in their heart
By asking meat for their lust.
19 Yea, they spake against God;

- They said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out and the streams overflowed;
Can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth:
So a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also came up against Israel;
22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in his salvation:
23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above,
And opened the doors of heaven,
24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat,
And had given them of the corn of heaven.
25 Man did eat angels' food:
He sent them meat to the full.
26 He caused an east wind to blow in the heaven:
And by his power he brought in the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as dust,
And feathered fowls like as the sand of the sea:
28 And he let *it* fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled:
For he gave them their own desire;
30 They were not estranged from their lust:
But while their meat *was* yet in their mouths,
31 The wrath of God came upon them, and slew the fattest of them,
And smote down the chosen *men* of Israel.
32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not for his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in trouble.
34 When he slew them, then they sought him:
And they returned and inquired early after God.
35 And they remembered that God *was* their rock,
And the High God their redeemer.
36 Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth,
And they lied unto him with their tongues.
37 For their heart was not right with him,
Neither were they stedfast in his covenant.
38 But he, *being* full of compassion, Forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not:
Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,
And did not stir up all his wrath.
39 For he remembered that they *were* but flesh;
A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness,
And grieve him in the desert!
41 Yea, they turned back, and tempted God,
And limited the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy.
43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt,
And his wonders in the field of Zoan:
44 And had turned their rivers into blood;
And their floods, that they could not drink.

- 45 He sent divers sorts of flies among them,
which devoured them;
And frogs, which destroyed them.
- 46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,
And their labor unto the locust.
- 47 He destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycamore-trees with frost.
- 48 He gave up their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.
- 49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,
Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
By sending evil angels *among them*.
- 50 He made a way to his anger;
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave their life over to the pestilence:
- 51 And smote all the first-born in Egypt:
The chief of *their* strength in the tabernacles of Ham:
- 52 But made his own people to go forth like sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
- 53 And he led them on safely, so that they feared not:
But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
- 54 And he brought them to the border of his sanctuary,
Even to this mountain, which his right hand had purchased.
- 55 He cast out the heathen also before them,
And divided them an inheritance by line,
And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
- 56 Yet they tempted and provoked the Most High God,
And kept not his testimonies;
- 57 But turned back, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers:
They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
- 58 For they provoked him to anger with their high places,
And moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
- 59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Israel:
- 60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh,
The tent *which* he placed among men;
- 61 And delivered his strength into captivity,
And his glory into the enemy's hand.
- 62 He gave his people over also unto the sword;
And was wroth with his inheritance.
- 63 The fire consumed their young men;
And their maidens were not given to marriage.
- 64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made no lamentation.
- 65 Then the LORD awaked as one out of sleep,
And like a mighty man that shouteth by reason of wine.
- 66 And he smote his enemies in the hinder part:
He put them to a perpetual reproach.
- 67 Moreover he refused the tabernacle of Joseph,
And chose not the tribe of Ephraim:
- 68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion, which he loved.
- 69 And he built his sanctuary like high *palaces*.
Like the earth which he hath established for ever.
- 70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds:
- 71 From following the ewes great with young,

He brought him to feed Jacob his people,
And Israel his inheritance.

- 72 So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart;
And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

PSALM LXXIX.

- 1 O GOD, the heathen are come into thine inheritance;
Thy holy temple have they defiled:
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.
- 2 The dead bodies of thy servants
Have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven,
The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
- 3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem;
And *there was* none to bury them.
- 4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors,
A scorn and derision to them that are round about us.
- 5 How long, LORD?
Wilt thou be angry for ever?
Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
- 6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee,
And upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his dwelling-place.
- 8 O remember not against us former iniquities:
Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us:
For we are brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name:
And deliver us, and purge away our sins,
for thy name's sake.
- 10 Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is thy God?
Let him be known among the heathen in our sight
By the revenging of the blood of thy servants *which* is shed.
- 11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee;
According to the greatness of thy power
Preserve thou those that are appointed to die,
- 12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach,
Wherewith they have reproached thee, O LORD.
- 13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever:
We will show forth thy praise to all generations.

PSALM LXXX.

- 1 GIVE ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that dwellest *between* the cherubims,
shine forth.
- 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh
Stir up thy strength, and come *and* save us.
- 3 Turn us again, O God,
And cause thy face to shine
And we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
How long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?
- 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears;
And givest them tears to drink in great measure.

- 6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors :
And our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 Turn us again, O God of hosts,
And cause thy face to shine ;
And we shall be saved.
- 8 Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt :
Thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it.
- 9 Thou preparedst room before it,
And didst cause it to take deep root,
And it filled the land.
- 10 The hills were covered with the shadow of it,
And the boughs thereof *were like* the goodly cedars.
- 11 She sent out her boughs unto the sea,
And her branches unto the river.
- 12 Why hast thou *then* broken down her hedges,
So that all they which pass by the way do pluck her ?
- 13 The boar out of the wood doth waste it,
And the wild beast of the field doth devour it.
- 14 Return, we beseech thee, O God of hos's :
Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine ;
- 15 And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted,
And the branch *that* thou madest strong for thyself.
- 16 *It is* burnt with fire, *it is* cut down :
They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.
- 17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand,
Upon the son of man *whom* thou madest strong for thyself.
- 18 So will not we go back from thee :
Quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.
- 19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts,
Cause thy face to shine ;
And we shall be saved.

PSALM LXXXI.

- 1 SING aloud unto God our strength :
Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- 2 Take a psalm, and bring hither the timbrel,
The pleasant harp with the psaltery.
- 3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
In the time appointed, on our solemn feast-day.
- 4 For this *was* a statute for Israel,
And a law of the God of Jacob.
- 5 This he ordained in Joseph *for* a testimony,
When he went out through the land of Egypt :
Where I heard a language *that* I understood not.
- 6 I removed his shoulder from the burden :
His hands were delivered from the pots.
- 7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee ;
I answered thee in the secret place of thunder :
I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.
- 8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee :
O Israel, if thou wilt hearken unto me ;
- 9 There shall no strange god be in thee ;
Neither shalt thou worship any strange god.
- 10 I am the LORD thy God,
Which brought thee out of the land of Egypt :
Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it,

- 11 But my people would not hearken to my voice ;
And Israel would none of me.
- 12 So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lust :
And they walked in their own counsels.
- 13 On that my people had hearkened unto me,
And Israel had walked in my ways !
- 14 I should soon have subdued their enemies,
And turned my hand against their adversaries.
- 15 The haters of the LORD should have submitted themselves unto him :
But their time should have endured for ever.
- 16 He should have fed them also with the finest of the wheat :
And with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee.

PSALM LXXXII.

- 1 GOD standeth in the congregation of the mighty ;
He judgeth among the gods.
- 2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
And accept the persons of the wicked ?
Selah.
- 3 Defend the poor and fatherless :
Do justice to the afflicted and needy :
- 4 Deliver the poor and needy :
Rid them out of the hand of the wicked.
- 5 They know not, neither will they understand ;
They walk on in darkness :
All the foundations of the earth are out of course.
- 6 I have said, Ye are gods ;
And all of you are children of the Most High.
- 7 But ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.
- 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth :
For thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM LXXXIII.

- 1 KEEP not thou silence, O God :
Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.
- 2 For lo, thine enemies make a tumult :
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
- 3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people,
And consulted against thy hidden ones.
- 4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation ;
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
- 5 For they have consulted together with one consent :
They are confederate against thee :
- 6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites ;
Of Moab, and the Hagarenes ;
- 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek :
The Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre ;
- 8 Assur also is joined with them ;
They have holpen the children of Lot.
- 9 Do unto them as *unto* the Midianites ;
As to Siser, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kishon :
- 10 Which perished at En-dor :
They became as dung for the earth.
- 11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb :
Yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna : 'who said,
Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.

- 13 O my God, make them like a wheel,
As the stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire burneth the wood,
And as the flame setteth the mountains on
fire;
15 So persecute them with thy tempest,
And make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame;
That they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for
ever;
Yea, let them be put to shame, and perish.
18 That *men* may know that thou,
Whose name alone is JEHOVAH,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM LXXXIV.

- 1 HOW amiable *are* thy tabernacles,
O LORD of hosts!
2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the
courts of the LORD:
My heart and my flesh crieth out for the
living God.
3 Yea, the sparrow hath found an house,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
Where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King and my God.
4 Blessed *are* they that dwell in thy house:
They will be still praising thee. Selah.
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;
In whose heart *are* the ways of *them*.
6 *Who* passing through the valley of Baca
make it a well:
The rain also filleth the pools.
7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them in Zion appeareth before
God.
8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer:
Give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.
9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine Anointed.
10 For a day in thy courts is better than a
thousand.
I had rather be a door-keeper in the house
of my God,
Than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.
11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield:
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good *thing* will he withhold from them
that walk uprightly.
12 O LORD of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

PSALM LXXXV.

- 1 LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy
land:
Thou hast brought back the captivity of
Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy
people,
Thou hast covered all their sin. Selah.
3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath:
Thou hast turned *thyself* from the fierce-
ness of thine anger.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause thine anger toward us to cease.
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all gene-
rations?
6 Wilt thou not revive us again;
That thy people may rejoice in thee;
7 Show us thy mercy, O LORD,
And grant us thy salvation.
8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak:

- For he will speak peace unto his people,
and to his saints:
But let them not turn again to folly.
9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear
him;
That glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth are met together;
Righteousness and peace have kissed *each*
other.
11 Truth shall spring out of the earth;
And righteousness shall look down from
heaven.
12 Yea, the LORD shall give *that which is good*;
And our land shall yield her increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him;
And shall set *us* in the way of his steps.

PSALM LXXXVI.

- 1 BOW down thine ear, O LORD, hear me:
For I *am* poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul: for I *am* holy:
O thou my God, save thy servant that trust-
eth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O LORD:
For I cry unto thee daily.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant:
For unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, LORD, *art* good, and ready to for-
give;
And plenteous in mercy unto all them that
call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer;
And attend to the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon
thee:
For thou wilt answer me.
8 Among the gods *there is none* like unto
thee, O LORD;
Neither *are there any works* like unto thy
works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made
Shall come and worship before thee, O
LORD;
And shall glorify thy name.
10 For thou *art* great, and doest wondrous
things:
Thou *art* God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O LORD;
I will walk in thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with
all my heart:
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
13 For great is thy mercy toward me:
And thou hast delivered my soul from the
lowest hell.
14 O God, the proud are risen against me,
And the assemblies of violent *men* have
sought after my soul;
And have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O LORD, *art* a God full of com-
passion, and gracious,
Long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and
truth.
16 O turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;
Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thine handmaid.
17 Show me a token for good;
That they which hate me may see it, and
be ashamed:
Because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and
comforted me.

PSALM LXXXVII.

- 1 HIS foundation is in the holy mountains.

- 2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city
of God. *Selah.*
4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon
to them that know me:
Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia;
This *man* was born there.
5 And of Zion it shall be said, This and that
man was born in her:
And the Highest himself shall establish her.
6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up
the people,
That this *man* was born there. *Selah.*
7 As well the singers as the players on instru-
ments *shall be there*:
All my springs are in thee.

PSALM LXXXVIII.

- 1 O LORD God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee:
2 Let my prayer come before thee:
Incline thine ear unto my cry;
3 For my soul is full of troubles:
And my life draweth nigh unto the grave.
4 I am counted with them that go down into
the pit:
I am as a man that hath no strength:
5 Free among the dead, like the slain that lie
in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more:
And they are cut off from thy hand.
6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In darkness, in the deeps.
7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy
waves. *Selah.*
8 Thou hast put away mine acquaintance far
from me;
Thou hast made me an abomination unto
them:
I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.
9 Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction:
LORD, I have called daily upon thee,
I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
10 Wilt thou show wonders to the dead?
Shall the dead arise and praise thee? *Selah.*
11 Shall thy loving-kindness be declared in the
grave?
Or thy faithfulness in destruction?
12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark?
And thy righteousness in the land of forget-
fulness?
13 But unto thee have I cried, O LORD;
And in the morning shall my prayer pre-
vent thee.
14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul?
Why hidest thou thy face from me?
15 I am afflicted and ready to die from my
youth up:
While I suffer thy terrors I am distracted.
16 Thy fierce wrath hath come over me;
Thy terrors have cut me off.
17 They came round about me daily like water;
They compassed me about to destroy me.
18 Lover and friend hast thou put far from me,
And mine acquaintance into darkness.

PSALM LXXXIX.

- 1 I WILL sing of the mercies of the LORD
for ever:
With my mouth will I make known thy
faithfulness to all generations.
2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for
ever:

- Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the
very heavens.
3 I have made a covenant with my chosen,
I have sworn unto David my servant.
4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,
and build up thy throne to all generations. *Selah.*
5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders,
O LORD:
Thy faithfulness also in the congregation of
the saints.
6 For who in the heaven can be compared
unto the LORD?
Who among the sons of the mighty can be
likened unto the LORD?
7 God is greatly to be feared in the assembly
of the saints.
And to be had in reverence of all them that
are about him.
8 O LORD God of hosts, who is a strong
LORD like unto thee?
Or to thy faithfulness round about thee?
9 Thou rulest the raging of the sea:
When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest
them.
10 Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one
that is slain;
Thou hast scattered thine enemies with thy
strong arm.
11 The heavens are thine, the earth also is
thine:
As for the world and the fullness thereof,
thou hast founded them.
12 The north and the south thou hast created
them:
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy
name.
13 Thou hast a mighty arm:
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right
hand.
14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of
thy throne:
Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
15 Blessed is the people that know the joyful
sound:
They shall walk, O LORD, in the light of
thy countenance.
16 In thy name shall they rejoice all the day:
And in thy righteousness shall they be ex-
alted.
17 For thou art the glory of their strength:
And in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.
18 For the LORD is our defence;
And the Holy One of Israel is our King.
19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one,
and saidst,
‘I have laid help upon one that is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
20 I have found David my servant;
With my holy oil have I anointed him:
21 With whom my hand shall be established:
Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
22 The enemy shall not exact upon him;
Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
23 And I will beat down his foes before his face,
And plague them that hate him.
24 But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be
with him:
And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
25 I will set his hand also in the sea,
And his right hand in the rivers.
26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father,
My God, and the Rock of my salvation.
27 Also I will make him my first-born,
Higher than the kings of the earth.

23 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore,
And my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make to *endure* for ever,
And his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law,
And walk not in my judgments;
31 If they break my statutes,
And keep not my commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod,
And their iniquity with stripes.
33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I
not utterly take from him,
Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break,
Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my
lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness,
That I will not lie unto David.
36 His seed shall endure for ever,
And his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon,
And as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.
38 But thou hast cast off and abhorred,
Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy
servant:
Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it
to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges:
Thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way shall him:
He is a reproach to his neighbors.
42 Thou hast set up the right hand of his ad-
versaries:
Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Thou hast also turned the side of his sword,
And hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his glory to cease,
And hast brought him down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened:
Thou hast covered him with shame. Selah.
46 How long, LORD? wilt thou hide thyself
For ever? Shall thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Remember how short my time is:
Wherefore hast thou made all men in vain?
48 What man is he that liveth, and shall not
see death?
Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of
the grave? Selah.
49 LORD, where are thy former loving-kind-
nesses,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy truth?
50 Remember, LORD, the reproach of thy ser-
vants:
How I do hear in my bosom the reproach of
all the mighty people;
51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached,
O LORD;
Wherewith they have reproached the foot-
steps of thine anointed.
52 Blessed be the LORD for evermore.
Amen, and amen.

FOURTH BOOK.

PSALM XC.

1 LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place
In all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and
the world,
Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou
art God.

3 Thou turnest man to destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight are but as
yesterday when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood;
They are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which
groweth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.
7 For we are consumed by thine anger,
And by thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,
Our secret sins in the light of thy counte-
nance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy
wrath:
We spend our years as a tale that is told.
10 The days of our years are threescore years
and en;
And if by reason of strength they be four-
score years,
Yet is their strength labor and sorrow;
For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger?
Even according to thy fear, so is thy wrath.
12 Teach us to number our days,
That we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.
13 Return, O LORD, how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy ser-
vants.
14 O satisfy us early with thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our
days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein
thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory unto their children.
17 And let the beauty of the LORD our God be
upon us:
And establish thou the work of our hands
upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

PSALM XCI.

1 HE that dwelleth in the secret place of the
Most High,
Shall abide under the shadow of the Al-
mighty.
2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge
and my fortress:
My God: in him will I trust.
3 Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare
of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.
4 He shall cover thee with his feathers,
And under his wings shalt thou trust:
His truth shall be thy shield and buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by
night;
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;
6 Nor for the pestilence that walketh in dark-
ness;
Nor for the destruction that wasteth at
noon-day.
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold
And see the reward of the wicked.
9 Because thou hast made the LORD which is
my refuge,
Even the Most High, thy habitation;

- 10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee,
To keep thee in all thy ways.
- 12 They shall bear thee up in *their* hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.
- 13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder :
The young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.
- 14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him :
I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him :
I will be with him in trouble ;
I will deliver him, and honor him.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him,
And show him my salvation.

PSALM XCII.

- 1 *It is a good thing* to give thanks unto the LORD,
And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High :
- 2 To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,
- 3 Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery ;
Upon the harp with a solemn sound.
- 4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad through thy work :
I will triumph in the works of thy hands.
- 5 O LORD, how great are thy works !
And thy thoughts are very deep.
- 6 A brutish man knoweth not,
Neither doth a fool understand this.
- 7 When the wicked spring as the grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish ;
It is that they shall be destroyed for ever.
- 8 But thou, LORD, *art most high* for evermore.
- 9 For lo, thine enemies, O LORD,
For lo, thine enemies shall perish ;
All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
- 10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the *horn of an unicorn* :
I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
- 11 Mine eye also shall see *my desire* on mine enemies,
And mine ears shall hear *my desire* of the wicked that rise up against me.
- 12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree :
He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- 13 Those that be planted in the house of the LORD
Shall flourish in the courts of our God.
- 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age ;
They shall be fat and flourishing ;
- 15 To show that the LORD is upright :
He is my Rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

PSALM XCIII.

THE LORD reigneth,
He is clothed with majesty ;
The LORD is clothed with strength,
And with he hath girded himself :
The world also is established,
And cannot be moved.

- 2 Thy throne is established of old :
Thou *art* from everlasting.
- 3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice ;
The floods lift up their waves.
- 4 The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,
Yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.
- 5 Thy testimonies are very sure :
Holiness becometh thine house, O LORD,
for ever.

PSALM XCIV.

- 1 O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongeth :
O God, to whom vengeance belongeth, show thyself.
- 2 Lift up thyself, thou Judge of the earth ;
Render a reward to the proud.
- 3 LORD, how long shall the wicked,
How long shall the wicked triumph ?
- 4 *How long shall they utter and speak hard things ?*
And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves ?
- 5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD,
And afflict thine heritage.
- 6 They slay the widow and the stranger,
And murder the fatherless.
- 7 Yet they say, The LORD shall not see,
Neither shall the God of Jacob regard it.
- 8 Understand, ye brutish among the people ;
And ye fools, when will ye be wise ?
- 9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear ?
He that formed the eye, shall he not see ?
- 10 He that chastiseth the heathen, shall he not be correct ?
He that teacheth man knowledge, *shall not he know ?*
- 11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
That they are vanity.
- 12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O LORD,
And teachest him out of thy law ;
- 13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity,
Until the pit be digged for the wicked.
- 14 For the LORD will not cast off his people,
Neither will he forsake his inheritance :
- 15 But judgment shall return unto righteousness :
And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
- 16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers ?
Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity ?
- 17 Unless the LORD *had been* my help,
My soul had almost dwelt in silence.
- 18 When I said, My foot slippeth ;
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
- 19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
- 20 Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee,
Which frameth mischief by a law ?
- 21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
And condemn the innocent blood.
- 22 But the LORD is my defence ;
And my God is the rock of my refuge.
- 23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity,
And shall cut them off in their own wickedness ;
Yea, the LORD our God shall cut them off

PSALM XCV.

- 1 O COME, let us sing unto the LORD :
Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of
our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with
thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise unto him with
psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand *are* the deep places of the earth :
The strength of the hills *is* his also.
- 5 The sea *is* his, and he made it :
And his hands formed the dry *land*.
- 6 O come, let us worship and bow down :
Let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- 7 For he *is* our God ;
And we *are* the people of his pasture, and
the sheep of his hand.
- 8 To-day, if ye will hear his voice,
Harden not your heart, as in the provoca-
tion,
And as in the day of temptation in the wil-
derness :
- 9 When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my work.
- 10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this*
generation, and said,
It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known my ways :
- 11 Unto whom I swear in my wrath
That they should not enter into my rest.

PSALM XCVI.

- 1 O SING unto the LORD a new song :
Sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
- 2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name ;
Show forth his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the heathen,
His wonders among all people.
- 4 For the LORD is great, and greatly to be
praised :
He is to be feared above all gods.
- 5 For all the gods of the nations *are* idols :
But the LORD made the heavens.
- 6 Honor and majesty *are* before him :
Strength and beauty *are* in his sanctuary.
- 7 Give unto the LORD, O ye kindreds of the
people,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.
- 8 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his
name :
Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
- 9 O worship the LORD in the beauty of holi-
ness :
Fear before him, all the earth.
- 10 Say among the heathen *that* the LORD
reigneth :
The world also shall be established that it
shall not be moved :
He shall judge the people righteously.
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth
be glad ;
Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof.
- 12 Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein :
Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice,
- 13 Before the LORD : for he cometh,
For he cometh to judge the earth ;
He shall judge the world with righteousness,
And the people with his truth.

PSALM XCVII.

- 1 THE LORD reigneth : let the earth rejoice ;
Let the multitude of isles be glad *thereof*.

- 2 Clouds and darkness *are* round about him :
Righteousness and judgment *are* the habi-
tation of his throne.
- 3 A fire goeth before him,
And burneth up his enemies round about.
- 4 His lightnings enlightened the world :
The earth saw, and trembled.
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence
of the LORD,
At the presence of the LORD of the whole
earth.
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness ;
And all the people see his glory.
- 7 Confounded be all they that serve graven
images,
That boast themselves of idols : worship
Him, all ye gods.
- 8 Zion heard, and was glad ;
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced
Because of thy judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For thou, LORD, *art* high above all the earth :
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
- 10 Ye that love the LORD, hate evil :
He preserveth the souls of his saints ;
He delivereth them out of the hand of the
wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, ye righteous ;
And give thanks at the remembrance of his
holiness.

PSALM XCVIII.

- 1 O SING unto the LORD a new song ;
For he hath done marvellous things :
His right hand, and his holy arm,
Hath gotten him the victory.
- 2 The LORD hath made known his salvation :
His righteousness hath he openly showed in
the sight of the heathen.
- 3 He hath remembered his mercy and his
truth toward the house of Israel :
All the ends of the earth have seen the sal-
vation of our God.
- 4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all the
earth ;
Make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing
praise.
- 5 Sing unto the LORD with the harp ;
With the harp, and the voice of a psalm.
- 6 With trumpets and sound of cornet,
Make a joyful noise before the LORD, the
King.
- 7 Let the sea roar, and the fullness thereof ;
The world, and they that dwell therein.
- 8 Let the floods clap *their* hands ;
Let the hills be joyful together
- 9 Before the LORD ;
For he cometh to judge the earth :
With righteousness shall he judge the world,
And the people with equity.

PSALM XCIX.

- 1 THE LORD reigneth ; let the people trem-
ble :
He sitteth *between* the cherubims ; let the
earth be moved.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion ;
And he is high above all people.
- 3 Let them praise thy great and terrible name :
For it is holy.
- 4 The king's strength also loveth judgment ;
Thou dost establish equity,
Thou executest judgment and righteousness
in Jacob.

- 5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool ;
For he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
And Samuel among them that call upon his name,
They called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar :
They kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.
- 8 Thou answerest them, O LORD our God ;
Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.
- 9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy hill ;
For the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM C.

- 1 MAKE a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness :
Come before his presence with singing.
- 3 Know ye that the LORD he is God :
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves ;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise :
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
- 5 For the LORD is good ;
His mercy is everlasting :
And his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM CI.

- 1 I WILL sing of mercy and judgment :
Unto thee, O LORD, will I sing.
- 2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.
O when wilt thou come unto me ?
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
- 3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes :
I hate the work of them that turn aside ;
It shall not cleave to me.
- 4 A froward heart shall depart from me :
I will not know a wicked person.
- 5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I cut off :
Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.
- 6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land.
That they may dwell with me :
He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall serve me.
- 7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house :
He that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- 8 I will early destroy all the wicked of the land ;
That I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM CII.

- 1 HEAR my prayer, O LORD,
And let my cry come unto thee.
- 2 Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble ;
Incline thine ear unto me :
In the day when I call, answer me speedily.
- 3 For my days are consumed like smoke,
And my bones are burned as an hearth.

- 4 My heart is smitten, and withered like grass ;
So that I forget to eat my bread.
- 5 By reason of the voice of my groaning
My bones cleave to my skin.
- 6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness :
I am like an owl of the desert.
- 7 I watch, and am as a sparrow
Alone upon the house-top.
- 8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day ;
And they that are mad against me are sworn against me.
- 9 For I have eaten ashes like bread,
And mingled my drink with weeping.
- 10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath :
For thou hast lifted me up, and cast me down.
- 11 My days are like a shadow that declineth ;
And I am withered like grass.
- 12 But thou, O LORD, shalt endure for ever ;
And thy remembrance unto all generations.
- 13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion :
For the time to favor her, yea, the set time, is come.
- 14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,
And favor the dust thereof.
- 15 So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD,
And all the kings of the earth thy glory.
- 16 When the LORD shall build up Zion,
He shall appear in his glory.
- 17 He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
And not despise their prayer.
- 18 This shall be written for the generation to come ;
And the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD.
- 19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary ;
From heaven did the LORD behold the earth ;
- 20 To hear the groaning of the prisoner ;
To loose those that are appointed to death ;
- 21 To declare the name of the LORD in Zion,
And his praise in Jerusalem ;
- 22 When the people are gathered together,
And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.
- 23 He weakened my strength in the way,
He shortened my days.
- 24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days :
Thy years are throughout all generations.
- 25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth ;
And the heavens are the work of thy hands.
- 26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure :
Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment ;
As a vesture shalt thou change them,
And they shall be changed :
- 27 But thou art the same,
And thy years shall have no end.
- 28 The children of thy servants shall continue,
And their seed shall be established before thee.

PSALM CIII.

- 1 BLESS the LORD, O my soul :
And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all his benefits :
- 3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities ;
Who healeth all thy diseases ;
- 4 Who redeemeth thy life from destruction,
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness
and tender mercies ;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things;
So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.
6 The LORD executeth righteousness
And judgment for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
His acts unto the children of Israel.
8 The LORD is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
9 He will not always chide:
Neither will he keep *his anger* for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins;
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west,
So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father pitieth *his children*,
So the LORD pitieth them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth our frame;
He remembereth that *we are dust.*
15 *As for man, his days are as grass:*
As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth:
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
And the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,
And his righteousness unto children's children;
18 To such as keep his covenant,
And to those that remember his commandments to do them.
19 The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens;
And his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless the LORD, ye his angels, that excel in strength,
That do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.
21 Bless ye the LORD, all ye his hosts;
Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion:
Bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM CIV.

1 BLESS the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, thou art very great;
Thou art clothed with honor and majesty.
2 Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with a garment*;
Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters:
Who maketh the clouds his chariot:
Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
4 Who maketh his angels spirits;
His ministers a flaming fire:
5 Who laid the foundations of the earth,
That it should not be removed for ever.
6 Thou coverdest it with the deep as *with a garment*:
The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled;
At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
8 They go up by the mountains;
They go down by the valleys
Unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;

That they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth the springs into the valleys,
Which run among the hills.
11 They give drink to every beast of the field:
The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation,
Which sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the hills from his chambers:
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
And herb for the service of man:
That he may bring forth food out of the earth;
15 And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man,
And oil to make *his* face to shine,
And bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.
16 The trees of the LORD are full of sap;
The cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their nests;
As for the stork, the fir-trees are her house.
18 The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats,
And the rocks for the conies.
19 He appointeth the moon for seasons:
The sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night:
Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
21 The young lions roar after their prey,
And seek their meat from God.
22 The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together,
And lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth to his work
And to his labor until the evening.
24 O LORD, how manifold are thy works!
In wisdom hast thou made them all:
The earth is full of thy riches.
25 So is this great and wide sea,
Wherein *are* things creeping innumerable,
Both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships:
There is that leviathan, whom thou hast made to play therein.
27 These wait all upon thee;
That thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.
28 That thou givest them they gather:
Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;
Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created:
And thou renewest the face of the earth.
31 The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever:
The LORD shall rejoice in his works.
32 He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth:
He toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
33 I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live:
I will sing praise unto my God while I have my being.
34 My meditation of him shall be sweet:
I will be glad in the LORD.
35 Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless thou the LORD, O my soul.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CV.

- 1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD ;
Call upon his name ;
Make known his deeds among the people.
- 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him :
Talk ye of all his wondrous works.
- 3 Glory ye in his holy name :
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.
- 4 Seek the LORD and his strength ;
Seek his face evermore.
- 5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done ;
His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.
- 6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
Ye children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the LORD our God :
His judgments are in all the earth.
- 8 He hath remembered his covenant for ever,
The word *which* he commanded to a thousand generations.
- 9 Which *covenant* he made with Abraham,
And his oath unto Isaac ;
- 10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law,
And to Israel for an everlasting covenant :
- 11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The lot of your inheritance :
- 12 When they were *but* a few men in number ;
Yea, very few, and strangers in it.
- 13 When they went from one nation to another,
From *one* kingdom to another people ;
- 14 He suffered no man to do them wrong ;
Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes ;
- 15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed,
And do my prophesies no harm.
- 16 Moreover, he called for a famine upon the land :
He brake the whole staff of bread.
- 17 He sent a man before them, *even* Joseph,
Who was sold for a servant :
- 18 Whose feet they hurt with fetters :
He was laid in iron ;
- 19 Until the time that his word came :
The word of the LORD tried him.
- 20 The king sent and loosed him ;
Even the ruler of the people, and let him go free.
- 21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance ;
- 22 To bind his princes at his pleasure ;
And teach his senators wisdom.
- 23 Israel also came into Egypt ;
And Jacob sojourn'd in the land of Ham.
- 24 And he increased his people greatly ;
And made them stronger than their enemies.
- 25 He turned their heart to hate his people,
To deal subtilly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant,
And Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 27 They showed his signs among them,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
- 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark :
And they rebelled not against his word.
- 29 He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
- 30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance,
In the chambers of their kings.
- 31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies,
And lice in all their coasts.

- 32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
- 33 He smote their vines also and their fig-trees ;
And brake the trees of their coasts.
- 34 He spake, and the locusts came,
And caterpillars, and that without number,
- 35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land,
And devoured the fruit of their ground.
- 36 He smote also all the first-born in their land,
The chief of all their strength.
- 37 He brought them forth also with silver and gold ;
And *there was* not one feeble person among their tribes.
- 38 Egypt was glad when they departed :
For the fear of them fell upon them.
- 39 He spread a cloud for a covering ;
And fire to give light in the night.
- 40 *The people* asked, and he brought quails,
And satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out ;
They ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- 42 For he remembered his holy promise,
And Abraham his servant.
- 43 And he brought forth his people with joy,
And his chosen with gladness :
- 44 And gave them the lands of the heathen ;
And they inherited the labor of the people ;
- 45 That they might observe his statutes,
And keep his laws.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CVI.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
O give thanks unto the LORD ; for *he is* good :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD ?
Who can show forth all his praise ?
- 3 Blessed are they that keep judgment,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor
that thou bearest unto thy people :
O visit me with thy salvation ;
- 5 That I may see the good of thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.
- 6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity,
We have done wickedly.
- 7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt ;
They remembered not the multitude of thy mercies ;
But provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea.
- 8 Nevertheless, he saved them for his name's sake,
That he might make his mighty power to be known.
- 9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up :
So he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.
- 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- 11 And the waters covered their enemies :
There was not one of them left.
- 12 Then believed they his words ;
They sang his praise.

- 13 They soon forgot his works ;
They waited not for his counsel :
- 14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.
- 15 And he gave them their request ;
But sent leanness into their soul.
- 16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the saint of the LORD.
- 17 The earth opened, and swallowed up Da-
than,
And covered the company of Abiram.
- 18 And a fire was kindled in their company ;
The flame burned up the wicked.
- 19 They made a calf in Horeb,
And worshipped the molten image.
- 20 Thus they changed their glory
Into the similitude of an ox that eateth grass.
- 21 They forgot God their savior,
Which had done great things in Egypt :
- 22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red sea.
- 23 Therefore he said that he would destroy
them,
Had not Moses his chosen stood before him
in the breach,
To turn away his wrath, lest he should de-
stroy them.
- 24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not his word :
- 25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of the
LORD.
- 26 Therefore he lifted up his hand against
them,
To overthrow them in the wilderness :
- 27 To overthrow their seed also among the
nations,
And to scatter them in the lands.
- 28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.
- 29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their
inventions :
And the plague brake in upon them.
- 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judg-
ment :
And so the plague was stayed.
- 31 And that was counted unto him for right-
eousness
Unto all generations for evermore.
- 32 They angered him also at the waters of
strife,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes :
- 33 Because they provoked his spirit,
So that he spake unadvisedly with his lips.
- 34 They did not destroy the nations,
Concerning whom the LORD commanded
them :
- 35 But were mingled among the heathen,
And learned their works.
- 36 And they served their idols :
Which were a snare unto them.
- 37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons
And their daughters unto devils,
- 38 And shed innocent blood,
Even the blood of their sons and of their
daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of
Canaan :
And the land was polluted with blood.
- 39 Thus were they defiled with their own
works,
And went a whoring with their own inven-
tions.
- 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kind-
led against his people,

- Insomuch that he abhorred his own inheri-
tance.
- 41 And he gave them into the hand of the
heathen ;
And they that hated them ruled over them.
- 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection
under their hand.
- 43 Many times did he deliver them ;
But they provoked him with their counsel ;
And were brought low for their iniquity.
- 44 Nevertheless, he regarded their affliction,
When he heard their cry :
- 45 And he remembered for them his covenant,
And repented according to the multitude of
his mercies.
- 46 He made them also to be pitied
Of all those that carried them captives.
- 47 Save us, O LORD, our God,
And gather us from among the heathen,
To give thanks unto thy holy name,
And to triumph in thy praise.
- 48 Blessed be the LORD God of Israel
From everlasting to everlasting :
And let all the people say, Amen,
Praise ye the LORD,

FIFTH BOOK.

PSALM CVII.

- 1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD, for he is
good :
For his mercy endureth for ever.
- 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of
the enemy ;
- 3 And gathered them out of the lands,
From the east, and from the west,
From the north, and from the south.
- 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a soli-
tary way ;
They found no city to dwell in.
- 5 Hungry and thirsty,
Their soul fainted in them.
- 6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their
trouble,
And he delivered them out of their dis-
tresses.
- 7 And he led them forth by the right way,
That they might go to a city of habitation.
- 8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for
his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the chil-
dren of men !
- 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,
And filleth the hungry soul with goodness.
- 10 Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow
of death,
Being bound in affliction and iron ;
- 11 Because they rebelled against the words of
God,
And contemned the counsel of the Most
High :
- 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with
labor ;
They fell down, and there was none to help.
- 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their
trouble,
And he saved them out of their distresses.
- 14 He brought them out of darkness and the
shadow of death,
And brake their bands in sunder.
- 15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for
his goodness,

And for his wonderful works to the children of men !

16 For he hath broken the gates of brass,
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

17 Fools, because of their transgression,
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.

18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat ;
And they draw near to the gates of death.

19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he saveth them out of their distresses.

20 He sent his word and healed them,
And delivered them from their destructions.

21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men !

22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And declare his works with rejoicing.

23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
That do business in great waters ;

24 These see the works of the LORD,
And his wonders in the deep.

25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
Which lifteth up the waves thereof.

26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths ;
Their soul is melted because of trouble.

27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,
And are at their wit's end.

28 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
And he bringeth them out of their distresses.

29 He maketh the storm a calm,
So that the waves thereof are still.

30 Then are they glad because they be quiet ;
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

31 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
And for his wonderful works to the children of men !

32 Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people,
And praise him in the assembly of the elders.

33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
And the water-springs into dry ground :

34 A fruitful land into barrenness,
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

35 He turneth the wilderness into a standing water,
And dry ground into water-springs.

36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
That they may prepare a city for habitation ;

37 And sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
Which may yield fruits of increase.

38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly ;
And suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

39 Again, they are diminished and brought low
Through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
And causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

41 Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction,
And maketh him families like a flock.

42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice :
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

43 Whoso is wise, and will observe these things,
Even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.

PSALM CVIII.

1 O GOD, my heart is fixed ;
I will sing and give praise, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp :
I myself will awake early.

3 I will praise thee, O LORD, among the people :
And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens :
And thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens
And thy glory above all the earth ;

6 That thy beloved may be delivered :
Save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness :
I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem,
And mete out the valley of Succoth.

8 Gilead is mine, Manasseh is mine :
Ephraim also is the strength of mine head ;

9 Judah is my lawgiver ; ' Moab is my wash-pot ;
Over Edom will I cast out my shoe
Over Philistia will I triumph.

10 Who will bring me into the strong city ?
Who will lead me into Edom ?

11 Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off ?
And wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts ?

12 Give us help from trouble :
For vain is the help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly :
For he it is that shall tread down our enemies.

PSALM CIX.

1 HOLD not thy peace, O God of my praise ;
2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me :
They have spoken against me with a lying tongue.

3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred ;
And fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries :
But I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good,
And hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him :
And let Satan stand at his right hand.

7 When he shall be judged, let him be condemned :
And let his prayer become sin.

8 Let his days be few ;
And let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless,
And his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be continually vagabonds,
And beg :
Let them seek their bread also out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath ;
And let the strangers spoil his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend mercy unto him :
Neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off ;
And in the generation following let their name be blotted out.

- 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD;
And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- 15 Let them be before the LORD continually,
That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- 16 Because that he remembered not to show mercy,
But persecuted the poor and needy man,
That he might even slay the broken in heart.
- 17 As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him:
As he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.
- 18 As he clothed himself with cursing like as with his garment,
So let it come into his bowels like water,
And like oil into his bones.
- 19 Let it be unto him as the garment *which* covereth him,
And for a girdle wherewith he is girded continually.
- 20 Let this be the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD,
And of them that speak evil against my soul.
- 21 But do thou for me, O GOD the Lord, for thy name's sake:
Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me.
- 22 For I am poor and needy,
And my heart is wounded within me.
- 23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth:
I am tossed up and down as the locust.
- 24 My knees are weak through fasting;
And my flesh faileth of fatness.
- 25 I became also a reproach unto them:
When they looked upon me they shaked their heads.
- 26 Help me, O LORD my God:
O save me according to thy mercy:
- 27 That they may know that *this* is thy hand;
That thou, LORD, hast done it.
- 28 Let them curse, but bless thou:
When they arise, let them be ashamed;
But let thy servant rejoice.
- 29 Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame.
And let them cover themselves with their own confusion as with a mantle.
- 30 I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth:
Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.
- 31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
To save *him* from those that condemn his soul.

PSALM CX.

- 1 THE LORD said unto my Lord,
'Sit thou at my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'
- 2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion:
Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
- 3 Thy people *shall* be willing in the day of thy power,
In the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning:
Thou hast the dew of thy youth.
- 4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent.
Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
- 5 The LORD at thy right hand
Shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
- 6 He shall judge among the heathen,
He shall fill *the* places with the dead bodies;

He shall wound the heads over many countries.

- 7 He shall drink of the brook in the way:
Therefore shall he lift up the head.

PSALM CXI.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart,
In the assembly of the upright,
And in the congregation.
- 2 The works of the LORD *are* great,
Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.
- 3 His work is honorable and glorious:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:
The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.
- 5 He hath given meat unto them that fear him:
He will ever be mindful of his covenant.
- 6 He hath showed his people the power of his works,
That he may give them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands *are* verity and judgment:
All his commandments *are* sure.
- 8 They stand fast for ever and ever,
And *are* done in truth and uprightness.
- 9 He sent redemption unto his people:
He hath commanded his covenant for ever:
Holy and reverend is his name.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:
A good understanding have all they that do *his* commandments:
His praise endureth for ever.

PSALM CXII.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,
That delighteth greatly in his commandments.
- 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches *shall* be in his house:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.
- 4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:
He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.
- 5 A good man sheweth favor, and lendeth:
He will guide his affairs with discretion.
- 6 Surely he shall not be moved for ever:
The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.
- 8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see *his* desire upon his enemies.
- 9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor;
His righteousness endureth for ever;
His horn shall be exalted with honor.
- 10 The wicked shall see *it*, and be grieved;
He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM CXIII.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD.

- 2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun unto the going
down of the same,
The LORD'S name is to be praised.
4 The LORD is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,
Who dwelleth on high;
6 Who humbleth himself to behold the things
That are in heaven, and in the earth!
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth the needy out of the dunghill;
8 That he may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of his people.
9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of children.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXIV.

- 1 WHEN Israel went out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange
language:
2 Judah was his sanctuary,
And Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled:
Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
And the little hills like lambs.
5 What ailed thee, O thou sea, that thou fleddest?
Thou Jordan, that thou wast driven back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skipped like rams;
And ye little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the
LORD,
At the presence of the God of Jacob;
8 Which turned the rock into a standing
water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM CXV.

- 1 NOT unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But unto thy name give glory,
For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
2 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is now their God?
3 But our God is in the heavens:
He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
5 They have mouths, but they speak not:
Eyes have they, but they see not:
6 They have ears, but they hear not:
Noses have they, but they smell not:
7 They have hands, but they handle not:
Feet have they, but they walk not:
Neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them are like unto them;
So is every one that trusteth in them.
9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD:
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD:
He is their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD:
He is their help and their shield.
12 The LORD hath been mindful of us:
He will bless us; he will bless the house of
Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
13 He will bless them that fear the LORD,
Both small and great.
14 The LORD shall increase you more and
more,
You and your children.

- 15 Ye are blessed of the LORD
Which made heaven and earth.
16 The heaven, even the heavens, are the
LORD'S:
But the earth hath he given to the children
of men.
17 The dead praise not the LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM CXVI.

- 1 I LOVE the LORD,
Because he hath heard my voice and my
supplications.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me.
Therefore will I call upon him as long as
I live.
3 The sorrows of death compassed me;
And the pains of hell gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD.
O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous:
Yea, our God is merciful.
6 The LORD preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he helped me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul!
For the LORD hath dealt bountifully with
thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before the LORD
In the land of the living.
10 I believed, therefore have I spoken:
I was greatly afflicted:
11 I said in my haste, All men are liars.
12 What shall I render unto the LORD
For all his benefits toward me?
13 I will take the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.
14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD
Now in the presence of all his people.
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
Is the death of his saints.
16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant;
I am thy servant, and the son of thine
handmaid:
Thou hast loosed my bonds.
17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanks-
giving,
And will call upon the name of the LORD.
18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD
Now in the presence of all his people.
19 In the courts of the LORD'S house,
In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVII.

- 1 O PRAISE the LORD, all ye nations:
Praise him, all ye people.
2 For his merciful kindness is great toward
us:
And the truth of the LORD endureth for
ever.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXVIII.

- 1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD! for he is
good:
Because his mercy endureth for ever.
2 Let Israel now say,
That his mercy endureth for ever.

- 3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 4 Let them now that fear the LORD say,
That his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 5 I called upon the LORD in distress:
The LORD answered me, and *set me* in a large place.
- 6 The LORD *is* on my side; I will not fear;
What can man do unto me?
- 7 The LORD take *h* my part with them that help me:
Therefore shall I see *my desire* upon them that hate me.
- 8 *It is* better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in man.
- 9 *It is* better to trust in the LORD
Than to put confidence in princes.
- 10 All nations compassed me about:
But in the name of the LORD will I *de-*
stroy them.
- 11 They compassed me about;
Yea, they compassed me about;
But in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- 12 They compassed me about like bees:
They are quenched as the fire of thorns:
For in the name of the LORD I will destroy them.
- 13 Thou hast thrust sore at me,
That I might fall: but the LORD helped me.
- 14 The LORD *is* my strength and song,
And *is* become my salvation.
- 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation
Is in the tabernacles of the righteous:
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- 16 The right hand of the LORD *is* exalted:
The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
- 17 I shall not die,
But live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD hath chastened me sore:
But he hath not given me over unto death.
- 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
I will go in to them, and I will praise the LORD:
- 20 This gate of the LORD,
Into which the righteous shall enter.
- 21 I will praise thee:
For thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.
- 22 The stone *which* the builders refused
Is become the head *stone* of the corner.
- 23 This *is* the LORD'S doing;
It *is* marvellous in our eyes.
- 24 This *is* the day *which* the LORD hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25 Save now, I beseech thee, O LORD;
O LORD, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.
- 26 Blessed *be* he that cometh in the name of the LORD:
We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.
- 27 God *is* the LORD, which hath showed us light:
Bind the sacrifice with cords, *even* unto the horns of the altar.
- 28 Thou *art* my God and I will praise thee:
Thou *art* my God, I will exalt thee.
- 29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for *he is* good:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXIX.

ALEPH.

- 1 BLESSED *are* the undefiled in the way,
Who walk in the law of the LORD.

- 2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies,
And *that* seek him with the whole heart.
- 3 They also do no iniquity:
They walk in his ways.
- 4 Thou hast commanded *us*
To keep thy precepts diligently.
- 5 Oh that my ways were directed
To keep thy statutes!
- 6 Then shall I *not* be ashamed
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
- 7 I will praise thee with uprightness of heart,
When I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep thy statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.

BETH.

- 9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not wander from thy commandments.
- 11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
- 12 Blessed *art* thou, O LORD:
Teach me thy statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgments of thy mouth.
- 14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much *as* in all riches.
- 15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
- 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.

GIMEL.

- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant,
That I may live, and keep thy word.
- 18 Open thou mine eyes,
That I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.
- 19 I *am* a stranger in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
- 20 My soul breaketh for the longing *that it hath*
Unto thy judgments at all times.
- 21 Thou hast rebuked the proud *that are* cursed,
Which do err from thy commandments.
- 22 Remove from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy testimonies.
- 23 Princes also did sit *and* speak against me:
But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
- 24 Thy testimonies also *are* my delight,
And my counsellors.

DALETH.

- 25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.
- 26 I have declared my ways,
And thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.
- 27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I talk of thy wondrous works.
- 28 My soul melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
- 29 Remove from me the way of lying:
And grant me thy law graciously.
- 30 I have chosen the way of truth:
Thy judgments have I laid *before me*.
- 31 I have stuck unto thy testimonies:
O LORD, put me not to shame.
- 32 I will run the way of thy commandments
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE.

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it *unto* the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
Yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity;
And quicken thou me in thy way.
38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant,
Who is *devoted* to thy fear.
39 Turn away my reproach which I fear:
For thy judgments *are* good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

VAU.

- 41 Let thy mercies come also unto me, O LORD,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have wherewith to answer him
that reproacheth me:
For I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out
of my mouth;
For I have hoped in thy judgments.
44 So shall I keep thy law continually
For ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty:
For I seek thy precepts.
46 I will speak of thy testimonies also before
kings,
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments,
Which I have loved;
And I will meditate in thy statutes.

ZAIN.

- 49 Remember the word unto thy servant,
Upon which thou hast caused me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction:
For thy word hath quickened me.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not declined from thy law.
52 I remembered thy judgments of old, O LORD;
And have comforted myself.
53 Horror hath taken hold upon me
Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD,
In the night, and have kept thy law.
56 This I had
Because I kept thy precepts.

CHETH.

- 57 *Thou art* my portion, O LORD:
I have said that I would keep thy words.
58 I entreated thy favor with *my* whole heart:
Be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste,
And delayed not to keep thy commandments.
61 The bands of the wicked have robbed me:
But I have not forgotten thy law,

- 62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee,
Because of thy righteous judgments.
63 I am a companion of all *them* that fear thee,
And of *them* that keep thy precepts.
64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy:
Teach me thy statutes.

TETH.

- 65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O LORD, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge:
For I have believed thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray:
But now have I kept thy word.
68 Thou *art* good, and doest good;
Teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
But I will keep thy precepts with *my*
whole heart.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease;
But I delight in thy law.
71 *It is good for me* that I have been afflicted;
That I might learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD.

- 73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn
thy commandments.
74 They that fear thee will be glad when they
see me:
Because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are*
right,
And that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted
me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be
for my comfort,
According to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that
I may live:
For thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be ashamed;
For they dealt perversely with me without
a cause:
But I will meditate in thy precepts.
79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me,
And those that have known thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be sound in thy statutes:
That I be not ashamed.

CAPH.

- 81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation:
But I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word,
Saying, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a bottle in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many *are* the days of thy servant?
When wilt thou execute judgment on them
that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
Which *are* not after thy law.
86 All thy commandments *are* faithful:
They persecute me wrongfully; help thou
me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy loving-kindness;
So shall I keep the testimony of thy mouth.

LAMED.

- 89 For ever, O LORD,
Thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:

Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this day according to thine ordinances :

For all *are* thy servants.

92 Unless thy law *had been* my delight's, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts : For with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I *am* thine, save me ; For I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me :

But I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection : *But* thy commandment is exceeding broad.

MEM.

97 O how love I thy law !

It is my meditation all the day.

98 Thou, through thy commandments, hast made me wiser than mine enemies :

For they *are* ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers :

For thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

100 I understand more than the ancients,

Because I keep thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,

That I might keep thy word.

102 I have not departed from thy judgments : For thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet *are* thy words unto my taste ! *Yea, sweeter* than honey to my mouth !

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding :

Therefore I hate every false way.

NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And a light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and I will perform it, That I will keep thy righteous judgments.

107 I am afflicted very much : Quickened me, O LORD, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offerings of my mouth. O LORD, And teach me thy judgments.

109 My soul is continually in my hand : Yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me : Yet I erred not from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever :

For they *are* the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes always, *Even unto the end.*

SAMECH.

113 I hate vain thoughts : But thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding-place and my shield : I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers : For I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live ;

And let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : And I will have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes :

For their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross :

Therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee ; And I am afraid of thy judgments.

AIN.

121 I have done judgment and justice : Leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good : Let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation, And for the word of thy righteousness.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy, And teach me thy statutes.

125 I *am* thy servant ; Give me understanding, that I may know thy testimonies.

126 *It is time for thee, LORD, to work,* For they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments above gold ;

Yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right ; And I hate every false way.

PE.

129 Thy testimonies *are* wonderful :

Therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The entrance of thy words giveth light ; It giveth understanding unto the simple

131 I opened my mouth, and panted ; For I longed for thy commandments.

132 Look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me,

As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my steps in thy word : And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Deliver me from the oppression of man : So will I keep thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant ; And teach me thy statutes.

136 Rivers of waters run down mine eyes, Because they keep not thy law.

TSADDI.

137 Righteous *art* thou, O LORD, And upright *are* thy judgments.

138 Thy testimonies *that* thou hast commanded *are* righteous and very faithful,

139 My zeal hath consumed me ; Because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very pure : Therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I *am* small and despised : Yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,

And thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have taken hold on me :

Yet thy commandments *are* my delights.

144 The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting :

Give me understanding, and I shall live.

KOPH.

145 I cried with my whole heart ; Hear me, O LORD : I will keep thy statutes.

- 146 I cried unto thee ;
Save me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.
147 I prevented the dawning of the morning,
and cried :
I hoped in thy word.
148 Mine eyes prevent the *night* watches,
That I might meditate in thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy loving-kindness :
O LORD, quicken me according to thy judgment.
150 They draw nigh that follow after mischief :
They are far from thy law.
151 Thou art near, O LORD ;
And all thy commandments are truth.
152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old
That thou hast founded them for ever.

RESH.

- 153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver me :
For I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead my cause, and deliver me :
Quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked :
For they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD :
Quicken me according to thy judgments.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine enemies :
Yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved ;
Because they kept not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts :
Quicken me, O LORD, according to thy loving-kindness.
160 Thy word is true from the beginning :
And every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

SCHIN.

- 161 Princes have persecuted me without a cause :
But my heart standeth in awe of thy word.
162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor lying :
But thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous judgments.
165 Great peace have they which love thy law :
And nothing shall offend them.
166 LORD, I have hoped for thy salvation,
And done thy commandments.
167 My soul hath kept thy testimonies ;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have kept thy precepts and thy testimonies :
For all my ways are before thee.

TAU.

- 169 Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD :
Give me understanding according to thy word.
170 Let my supplication come before thee :
Deliver me according to thy word.
171 My lips shall utter praise,
When thou hast taught me thy statutes.
172 My tongue shall speak of thy word :
For all thy commandments are righteousness.
173 Let thine hand help me ;
For I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O LORD :
And thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee ;
And let thy judgments help me.

- 176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep ;
Seek thy servant ; for I do not forget thy commandments.

PSALM CXX.

- 1 IN my distress I cried unto the LORD,
And he heard me.
2 Deliver my soul, O LORD.
From lying lips, and from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee ?
Or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue ?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty,
With coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Mesech,
That I dwell in the tents of Kedar !
6 My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace.
7 I am for peace : but when I speak, they are for war.

PSALM CXXI.

- 1 I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
From whence cometh my help.
2 My help cometh from the LORD,
Which made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The LORD is thy keeper ;
The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.
6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve thee from all evil :
He shall preserve thy soul.
8 The LORD shall preserve thy going out,
and thy coming in,
From this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM CXXII.

- 1 I WAS glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the LORD.
2 Our feet shall stand within thy gates
O Jerusalem.
3 Jerusalem is builded as a city
That is compact together :
4 Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD,
Unto the testimony of Israel,
To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.
5 For there are set thrones of judgment,
The thrones of the house of David.
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem :
They shall prosper that love thee.
7 Peace be within thy walls,
And prosperity within thy palaces.
8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,
I will now say, Peace be within thee.
9 Because of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek thy good.

PSALM CXXIII.

- 1 UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes,
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.
2 Behold, as the eyes of servants
Look unto the hand of their masters,
And as the eyes of a maiden
Unto the hand of her mistress ;
So our eyes wait upon the LORD our God,
Until that he have mercy upon us.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us :
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

- 4 Our soul is exceedingly filled
With the scorning of those that are at ease,
And with the contempt of the proud.

PSALM CXXIV.

- 1 IF *it had not been* the LORD who was on
our side,
Now may Israel say;
2 If *it had not been* the LORD who was on
our side,
When men rose up against us;
3 Then they had swallowed us up quick,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul:
5 Then the proud waters had gone over our
soul.
6 Blessed be the LORD, who hath not given
us as a prey to their teeth.
7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare
of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.
8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

PSALM CXXV.

- 1 THEY that trust in the LORD *shall be as*
mount Zion,
Which cannot be removed, *but* abideth for
ever.
2 As the mountains are round about Jerusa-
lem,
So the LORD is round about his people from
henceforth, even for ever.
3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest
upon the lot of the righteous;
Lest the righteous put forth their hands
unto iniquity.
4 Do good, O LORD, unto *those that be good*,
And to *them that are upright in their hearts*.
5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked
ways,
The LORD shall lead them forth with the
workers of iniquity:
But peace shall be upon Israel.

PSALM CXXVI.

- 1 WHEN the LORD turned again the cap-
tivity of Zion,
We were like them that dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing;
Then said they among the heathen,
The LORD hath done great things for them.
3 The LORD hath done great things for us,
Whereof we are glad.
4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the south.
5 They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
6 He that goeth forth and weepeth,
Bearing precious seed,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves *with him*.

PSALM CXXVII.

- 1 EXCEPT the LORD build the house,
They labor in vain that build it:
Except the LORD keep the city,
The watchman wake'h *but* in vain.
2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
To sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows:
For so he giveth his beloved sleep.
3 Lo, children are an heritage of the
LORD:
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.

- 4 As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man:
So are children of the youth.
5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full
of them:
They shall not be ashamed,
But they shall speak with the enemies in
the gate.

PSALM CXXVIII.

- 1 BLESSED is every one that feareth the
LORD;
That walketh in his ways.
2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thine hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well
with thee.
3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine
By the sides of thine house:
Thy children like olive plants
Round about thy table.
4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the LORD.
5 The LORD shall bless thee out of Zion:
And thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all
the days of thy life.
6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children,
And peace upon Israel.

PSALM CXXIX.

- 1 MANY a time have they afflicted me from
my youth,
May Israel now say:
2 Many a time have they afflicted me from
my youth;
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
3 The plowers plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.
4 The LORD is righteous:
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
5 Let them all be confounded and turned back
That hate Zion:
6 Let them be as the grass upon the house-
tops,
Which withereth afore it groweth up:
7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his
hand,
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
8 Neither do they which go by say,
The blessing of the LORD be upon you:
We bless you in the name of the LORD.

PSALM CXXX.

- 1 OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee,
O LORD.
2 LORD, hear my voice;
Let thine ears be attentive to the voice of
my supplications.
3 If thou, LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
O LORD, who shall stand?
4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
6 My soul waiteth for the LORD more than
they that watch for the morning;
*I say, more than they that watch for the
morning.*
7 Let Israel hope in the LORD:
For with the LORD there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
8 And he shall redeem Israel from all his
iniquities.

PSALM CXXXI.

- 1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine
eyes lofty:

- Neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too high for me.
2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself
as a child
That is weaned of his mother :
My soul is even as a weaned child.
3 Let Israel hope in the LORD,
From henceforth and for ever.

PSALM CXXXII.

- 1 LORD, remember David,
And all his afflictions ;
2 How he sware unto the LORD,
And vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob ;
3 Surely I will not come into the tabernacle
of my house,
Nor go up into my bed ;
4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids,
5 Until I find out a place for the LORD,
An habitation for the mighty God of Jacob.
6 Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah ;
We found it in the fields of the wood.
7 We will go into his tabernacles ;
We will worship at his footstool.
8 Arise, O LORD, into thy rest ;
Thou and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness ;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David,
He will not turn from it,
'Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant,
And my testimony that I shall teach them,
Their children also shall sit upon thy throne
for evermore.
13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion
He hath desired it for his habitation.
14 This is my rest for ever :
Here will I dwell ; for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision ;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 I will also clothe her priests with salvation ;
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud :
I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame :
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

PSALM CXXXIII.

- 1 BEHOLD, how good and how pleasant it is
For brethren to dwell together in unity !
2 It is like the precious ointment upon the
head,
That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard :
That went down to the skirts of his garments ;
3 As the dew of Hermon,
And as the dew that descended upon the
mountains of Zion :
For there the LORD commanded the blessing,
Even life for evermore.

PSALM CXXXIV.

- 1 BEHOLD, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants
of the LORD,
Which by night stand in the house of the
LORD.

- 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
And bless the LORD.
3 The LORD that made heaven and earth
Bless thee out of Zion.

PSALM CXXXV.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD,
Praise ye the name of the LORD ;
Praise him, O ye servants of the LORD.
2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God,
3 Praise the LORD ;
For the LORD is good :
Sing praises unto his name ;
For it is pleasant.
4 For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself,
And Israel for his peculiar treasure.
5 For I know that the LORD is great,
And that our LORD is above all gods.
6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that did he
In heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all
deep places.
7 He causeth the vapors to ascend from the
ends of the earth ;
He maketh lightnings for the rain :
He bringeth the wind out of his treasures.
8 Who smote the first-born of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.
9 Who sent tokens and wonders into the midst
of thee, O Egypt,
Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.
10 Who smote great nations,
And slew mighty kings ;
11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,
And all the kingdoms of Canaan :
12 And gave their land for an heritage,
An heritage unto Israel his people.
13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever ;
And thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all
generations.
14 For the LORD will judge his people,
And he will repent himself concerning his
servants.
15 The idols of the heathen are silver and gold,
The work of men's hands.
16 They have mouths, but they speak not ;
Eyes have they, but they see not ;
17 They have ears, but they hear not ;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.
18 They that make them are like unto them :
So is every one that trusteth in them.
19 Bless the LORD, O house of Israel :
Bless the LORD, O house of Aaron :
20 Bless the LORD, O house of Levi :
Ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD,
21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Which dwelleth at Jerusalem.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXXXVI.

- 1 O GIVE thanks unto the LORD: for his goodness
For his mercy endureth for ever.
2 O give thanks unto the God of gods :
For his mercy endureth for ever.
3 O give thanks to the LORD of lords :
For his mercy endureth for ever.
4 To him who alone doeth great wonders :
For his mercy endureth for ever.
5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens :
For his mercy endureth for ever.
6 To him that stretched out the earth above
the waters :
For his mercy endureth for ever.

- 7 To him that made great lights :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 8 The sun to rule by day :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 9 The moon and stars to rule by night :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 10 To him that smote Egypt in their first-born :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 11 And brought out Israel from among them :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched-out arm :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 15 But overthrow Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 16 To him which led his people through the wilderness :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 17 To him which smote great kings :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 18 And slew famous kings :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 19 Sihon king of the Amorites :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 20 And Og the king of Bashan :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 21 And gave their land for an heritage :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 22 *Even* an heritage unto Israel his servant :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 23 Who remembered us in our low estate :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever :
- 24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 25 Who giveth food to all flesh :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
- 26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven :
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

PSALM CXXXVII.

- 1 BY the rivers of Babylon there we sat down,
Yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.
- 2 We hagged our harps upon the willows
In the midst thereof.
- 3 For there they that carried us away captive
required of us a song ;
And they that wasted us *required of us* mirth,
Saying, Sing us *one of the* songs of Zion.
- 4 How shall we sing the LORD'S song
In a strange land ?
- 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget *her cunning*.
- 6 If I do not remember thee,
Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth ;
If I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.
- 7 Remember, O LORD, the children of Edom
In the day of Jerusalem ; who said,
Rase it, rase it, *even* to the foundation thereof.
- 8 O daughter of Babylon, who art to be destroyed :
Happy *shall he be*, that rewardeth thee as thou hast served us.
- 9 Happy *shall he be*, that taketh
And dasheth thy little ones against the stones.

PSALM CXXXVIII.

- 1 I WILL praise thee with my whole heart :

- Before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.
- 2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth :
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
- 3 In the day when I cried thou answeredst me,
And strengthenedst me *with* strength in my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise thee,
O LORD,
When they hear the words of thy mouth.
- 5 Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD :
For great is the glory of the LORD.
- 6 Though the LORD *be* high,
Yet hath he respect unto the lowly :
But the proud he knoweth afar off.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me :
Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand against the wrath of mine enemies ;
And thy right hand shall save me.
- 8 The LORD will perfect *that which* concerneth me :
Thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever ;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

PSALM CXXXIX.

- 1 O LORD, thou hast searched me,
And known *me*.
- 2 Thou knowest my down-sitting and mine up-rising ;
Thou understandest my thought afar off.
- 3 Thou compassed my path and my lying down,
And art acquainted *with* all my ways.
- 4 For *there* is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.
- 5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.
- 6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me :
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit ?
Or, whither shall I flee from thy presence ?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there ;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- 9 If I take the wings of the morning,
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea ;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me,
And thy right hand shall hold me.
- 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me ;
Even the night shall be light about me.
- 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee ;
But the night shine'h as the day :
The darkness and the light *are* both alike to thee.
- 13 For thou hast possessed my reins :
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb,
- 14 I will praise thee ; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made :
Marvellous *are* thy works ; and *that* my soul knoweth right well.
- 15 My substance was not hid from thee,
When I was made in secret,
And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.
- 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect ;
And in thy book all my members were written,
Which in continuance were fashioned,
When as yet there was none of them

- 17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
- 18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:
When I awake, I am still with thee.
- 19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:
Depart from me therefore, ye bloody men.
- 20 For they speak against thee wickedly,
And thine enemies take thy name in vain.
- 21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?
And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?
- 22 I hate them with perfect hatred:
I count them mine enemies.
- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart:
Try me, and know my thoughts:
- 24 And see if *there be any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM CXL.

- 1 DELIVER me, O LORD, from the evil man:
Preserve me from the violent man;
- 2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart:
Continually are they gathered together for war.
- 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;
Adders' poison is under their lips. Selah.
- 4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;
Preserve me from the violent man;
Who have purposed to overthrow my goings.
- 5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;
They have spread a net by the way-side;
They have set gins for me. Selah.
- 6 I said unto the LORD, Thou *art* my God:
Hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.
- 7 O God the LORD, the strength of my salvation,
Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.
- 8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked:
Further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah.
- 9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about,
Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.
- 10 Let burning coals fall upon them:
Let them be cast into the fire;
Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.
- 11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth:
Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.
- 12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted,
And the right of the poor.
- 13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:
The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

PSALM CXL.

- 1 LORD, I cry unto thee:
Make haste unto me;
Give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.
- 2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense;
And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;
Keep the door of my lips.

- 4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing,
To practise wicked works with men that work iniquity:
And let me not eat of their dainties.
- 5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness:
And let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil,
Which shall not break my head:
For yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.
- 6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places,
They shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
- 7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth,
As when one cutteth and cleaveth wood upon the earth.
- 8 But mine eyes are unto thee, O God the LORD:
In thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.
- 9 Keep me from the snare *which* they have laid for me,
And the gins of the workers of iniquity.
- 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal escape.

PSALM CXLII.

- 1 I CRIED unto the LORD with my voice;
With my voice unto the LORD did I make my supplication.
- 2 I poured out my complaint before him;
I showed before him my trouble.
- 3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
Then thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walked
Have they privily laid a snare for me.
- 4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld,
But *there was* no man that would know me:
Refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.
- 5 I cried unto thee, O LORD:
I said, Thou *art* my refuge
And my portion in the land of the living.
- 6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low:
Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.
- 7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name:
The righteous shall compass me about;
For thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

PSALM CXLIII.

- 1 HEAR my prayer, O LORD, give ear to my supplications:
In thy faithfulness answer me, *and* in thy righteousness.
- 2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant:
For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.
- 3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the ground;
He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
- 4 Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me;
My heart within me is desolate.
- 5 I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all thy works;
I muse on the work of thy hands.
- 6 I stretch forth my hands unto thee;

My soul *thirsteth* after thee, as a thirsty land.
Selah.

- 7 Hear me speedily, O LORD:
My spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me,
Lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.
- 8 Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning;
For in thee do I trust:
Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;
For I lift up my soul unto thee.
- 9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies:
I flee unto thee to hide me.
- 10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:
Thy spirit is good; lead me into the land of uprightness.
- 11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake:
For thy righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.
- 12 And of thy mercy cut off mine enemies,
And destroy all them that afflict my soul:
For I am thy servant.

PSALM CXLIV.

- 1 BLESSED be the LORD my strength,
Which teacheth my hands to war,
And my fingers to fight;
- 2 My goodness, and my fortress;
My high tower, and my deliverer;
My shield, and he in whom I trust;
Who subdueth my people under me.
- 3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him!
Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him!
- 4 Man is like to vanity:
His days are as a shadow that passeth away.
- 5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down:
Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them:
Shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.
- 7 Send thine hand from above;
Rid me, and deliver me out of great waters.
From the hand of strange children;
- 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:
Upon a psaltery and an instrument of ten strings
Will I sing praises unto thee.
- 10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings,
Who delivereth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
- 11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children,
Whose mouth speaketh vanity,
And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood:
- 12 That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth;
That our daughters may be as corner-stones,
Polished after the similitude of a palace:
- 13 That our garners may be full,
Affording all manner of store;
That our sheep may bring forth thousands
And ten thousands in our streets:
- 14 That our oxen may be strong to labor;
That there be no breaking in, nor going out:
That there be no complaining in our streets.
- 15 Happy is that people that is in such a case;
Yea, happy is that people whose God is the LORD.

PSALM CXLV.

- 1 I WILL extol thee, my God, O king;
And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One generation shall praise thy works to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
- 5 I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty,
And of thy wondrous works.
- 6 And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts:
And I will declare thy greatness.
- 7 They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious, and full of compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
- 9 The LORD is good to all:
And his tender mercies are over all his works.
- 10 All thy works shall praise thee, O LORD;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
- 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts,
And the glorious majesty of his kingdom.
- 13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
- 14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that be bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all wait upon thee;
And thou givest them their meat in due season.
- 16 Thou openest thine hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
And holy in all his works.
- 18 The LORD is high unto all them that call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
- 19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him:
He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
- 20 The LORD preserveth all them that love him:
But all the wicked will he destroy.
- 21 My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD:
And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

PSALM CXLVI.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- 2 While I live will I praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
- 3 Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
- 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth;
In that very day his thoughts perish.

- 5 Happy is he that *hath* the God of Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God :
- 6 Which made heaven and earth, the sea,
And all that therein is : which keepeth truth for ever :
- 7 Which executeth judgment for the oppressed :
Which giveth food to the hungry.
The LORD looseth the prisoners :
- 8 The LORD openeth *the eyes* of the blind :
The LORD raiseth them that are bowed down :
The LORD loveth the righteous.
- 9 The LORD preserveth the strangers ;
He relieveth the fatherless and widow ;
But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
- 10 The LORD shall reign for ever,
Even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVII.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD :
For it is good to sing praises unto our God ;
For it is pleasant ; and praise is comely.
- 2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem :
He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
- 3 He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
- 4 He telleth the number of the stars ;
He calleth them all by *their* names.
- 5 Great is our LORD, and of great power :
His unders'anding is infinite.
- 6 The LORD lifteth up the meek :
He casteth the wicked down to the ground.
- 7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving ;
Sing praise upon the harp unto our God :
- 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds,
Who prepareth rain for the earth.
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
- 9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.
- 10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse :
He taketh not pleasure in the legs of a man.
- 11 The LORD taketh pleasure in them that fear him.
In those that hope in his mercy.
- 12 Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem ;
Praise thy God, O Zion.
- 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates ;
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
- 14 He maketh peace in thy borders.
And filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
- 15 He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth :
His word runneth very swiftly.
- 16 He giveth snow like wool :
He scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.
- 17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels :
Who can stand before his cold ?
- 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them :
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
- 19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his judgments unto Israel.
- 20 He hath not dealt so with any nation :
And as for his judgments, they have not known them.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLVIII.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.

- Praise ye the LORD from the heavens :
Praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise ye him, all his angels :
Praise ye him, all his hosts.
- 3 Praise ye him, sun and moon :
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,
And ye waters that be above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the LORD :
For he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He hath also established them for ever and ever :
He hath made a decree which shall not pass.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth,
Ye dragons, and all deeps ;
- 8 Fire, and hail ; snow, and vapors ;
Stormy wind fulfilling his word :
- 9 Mountains, and all hills ;
Fruitful trees, and all cedars :
- 10 Beasts, and all cattle ;
Creeping things, and flying fowl :
- 11 Kings of the earth, and all people ;
Princes, and all judges of the earth :
- 12 Both young men, and maidens ;
Old men, and children :
- 13 Let them praise the name of the LORD :
For his name alone is excellent ;
His glory is above the earth and heaven.
- 14 He also exalteth the horn of his people,
The praise of all his saints ;
Even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CXLIX.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
Sing unto the LORD a new song,
And his praise in the congregation of saints.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him :
Let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance :
Let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people :
He will beautify the meek with salvation.
- 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory :
Let them sing aloud upon their beds.
- 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth,
And a two-edged sword in their hand ;
- 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen,
And punishment upon the people ;
- 8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron ;
- 9 To execute upon them the judgment written :
This honor have all his saints.
Praise ye the LORD.

PSALM CL.

- 1 PRAISE ye the LORD.
Praise God in his sanctuary :
Praise him in the firmament of his power.
- 2 Praise him for his mighty acts :
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.
- 3 Praise him with the sound of the trumpet :
Praise him with the psaltery and harp.
- 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance :
Praise him with stringed instruments and organs.
- 5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals :
Praise him upon the high-sounding cymbals.
- 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.
Praise ye the LORD.

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS.

1 THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON, THE SON OF DAVID, KING OF ISRAEL.

- 2 To know wisdom and instruction ;
To perceive the words of understanding ;
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, and judgment, and equity ;
- 4 To give subtilty to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion.
- 5 A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning ;
And a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels :
- 6 To understand a proverb, and the interpretation ;
The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
- 7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge :
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the law of thy mother :
- 9 For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head,
And chains about thy neck.
- 10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.
- 11 If they say, ' Come with us,
Let us lurk wait for blood,
Let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause :
- 12 Let us swallow them up alive as the grave ;
And whole, as those that go down into the pit :
- 13 We shall find all precious substance,
We shall fill our houses with spoil :
- 14 Cast in thy lot among us ;
Let us all have one purse :
- 15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them ;
Refrain thy foot from their path :
- 16 For their feet run to evil,
And make haste to shed blood.
- 17 Surely in vain the net is spread
In the sight of any bird.
- 18 And they lay wait for their *own* blood ;
They lurk privily for their *own* lives.
- 19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain ;
Which taketh away the life of the owners thereof.
- 20 Wisdom crieth without ;
She uttereth her voice in the streets :
- 21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse,
In the openings of the gates :
- 22 ' In the city she uttereth her words, *saying*,
How long, ye simple ones,
Will ye love simplicity ?
And the scornors delight in their scornings,
And fools hate knowledge ?
- 23 Turn you at my reproof :
Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,
I will make known my words unto you.
- 24 Because I have called, and ye refused ;
I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded ;
- 25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel,
And would none of my reproof :
- 26 I also will laugh at your calamity ;
I will mock when your fear cometh ;
- 27 When your fear cometh as desolation,
And your destruction cometh as a whirlwind ;
When distress and anguish cometh upon you.
- 28 Then shall they call upon me,
But I will not answer ;
They shall seek me early,
But they shall not find me :
- 29 For that they hated knowledge,
And did not choose the fear of the LORD :
- 30 They would none of my counsel :
They despised all my reproof.
- 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,
And be filled with their own devices.
- 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them,
And the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.
- 33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely,
And shall be quiet from fear of evil.'
- 2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And hide my commandments with thee ;
- 2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
And apply thine heart to understanding ;
- 3 Yea, if thou criest after knowledge,
And liftest up thy voice for understanding ;
- 4 If thou seekest her as silver,
And searchest for her as for hid treasures ;
- 5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
- 6 For the LORD giveth wisdom :
Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding.
- 7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the righteous :
He is a buckler to them that walk uprightly.
- 8 He keepeth the paths of judgment,
And preserveth the way of his saints.
- 9 Then shalt thou understand righteousness, and judgment, and equity ;
Yea, every good path.
- 10 When wisdom entereth into thine heart,
And knowledge is pleasant unto thy soul ;
- 11 Discretion shall preserve thee,
Understanding shall keep thee :
- 12 To deliver thee from the way of the evil *man*,
From the man that speaketh froward things ;
- 13 Who leave the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness ;
- 14 Who rejoice to do evil,
And delight in the frowardness of the wicked :
- 15 Whose ways are crooked,
And they froward in their paths :
- 16 To deliver thee from the strange woman,
Even from the stranger *which* flattereth with her words ;
- 17 Which forsaketh the guide of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God.

- 18 For her house inclineth unto death,
And her paths unto the dead.
- 19 None that go unto her return again,
Neither take they hold of the paths of life.
- 20 That thou mayest walk in the way of good
men,
And keep the paths of the righteous.
- 21 For the upright shall dwell in the land,
And the perfect shall remain in it.
- 22 But the wicked shall be cut off from the
earth,
And the transgressors shall be rooted out
of it.
- 3 My son, forget not my law;
But let thine heart keep my commandments:
- 2 For length of days, and long life,
And peace, shall they add to thee.
- 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee;
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the table of thine heart:
- 4 So shalt thou find favor and good under-
standing
In the sight of God and man.
- 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart;
And lean not unto thine own understanding.
- 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he shall direct thy paths.
- 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes:
Fear the LORD, and depart from evil.
- 8 It shall be health to thy navel,
And marrow to thy bones.
- 9 Honor the LORD with thy substance,
And with the first-fruits of all thine increase:
- 10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,
And thy presses shall burst out with new
wine.
- 11 My son, despise not the chastening of the
LORD;
Neither be weary of his correction:
- 12 For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth;
Even as a father the son *in whom* he de-
lighteth.
- 13 Happy is the man *that* findeth wisdom,
And the man *that* getteth understanding.
- 14 For the merchandise of it is better than the
merchandise of silver,
And the gain thereof than fine gold.
- 15 She is more precious than rubies:
And all the things thou canst desire are not
to be compared unto her.
- 16 Length of days is in her right hand;
And in her left hand riches and honor.
- 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
- 18 She is a tree of life to them that lay hold
upon her:
And happy is *every one* that retaineth her.
- 19 The LORD by wisdom hath founded the
earth;
By understanding hath he established the
heavens.
- 20 By his knowledge the depths are broken up,
And the clouds drop down the dew.
- 21 My son, let not them depart from thine
eyes:
Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
- 22 So shall they be life unto thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.
- 23 Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely,
And thy foot shall not stumble.
- 24 When thou liest down, thou shalt not be
afraid:
Yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall
be sweet.
- 25 Be not afraid of sudden fear,
- Neither of the desolation of the wicked,
when it cometh.
- 26 For the LORD shall be thy confidence,
And shall keep thy foot from being taken.
- 27 Withhold not good from them to whom it
is due,
When it is in the power of thine hand to
do it.
- 28 Say not unto thy neighbor,
- Go, and come again, and to-morrow I will
give; -
When thou hast it by thee.
- 29 Devise not evil against thy neighbor,
Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
- 30 Strive not with a man without cause,
If he have done thee no harm.
- 31 Envy thou not the oppressor,
And choose none of his ways.
- 32 For the froward is abomination to the LORD:
But his secret is with the righteous.
- 33 The curse of the LORD is in the house of
the wicked:
But he blesseth the habitation of the just.
- 34 Surely he scorneth the scorners:
But he giveth grace unto the lowly.
- 35 The wise shall inherit glory:
But shame shall be the promotion of fools.
- 4 Hear, ye children, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding.
- 2 For I give you good doctrine,
Forsake ye not my law.
- 3 For I was my father's son,
Tender and only *beloved* in the sight of my
mother.
- 4 He taught me also, and said unto me,
Let thine heart retain my words:
Keep my commandments, and live.
- 5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget it
not;
Neither decline from the words of my
mouth.
- 6 Forsake her not; and she shall preserve
thee:
Love her, and she shall keep thee.
- 7 Wisdom is the principal thing; *therefore*
get wisdom:
And with all thy getting get understanding.
- 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee:
She shall bring thee to honor, when thou
dost embrace her.
- 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament
of grace:
A crown of glory shall she deliver to thee,
- 10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
And the years of thy life shall be many.
- 11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;
I have led thee in right paths.
- 12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be
straitened;
And when thou runnest, thou shalt not
stumble.
- 13 Take fast hold of instruction; let *her* not go:
Keep her; for she is thy life.
- 14 Enter not into the path of the wicked,
And go not in the way of evil *men*.
- 15 Avoid it, pass not by it,
Turn from it, and pass away.
- 16 For they sleep not, except they have done
mischief:
And their sleep is taken away, unless they
cause *some* to fall.
- 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
- 18 But the path of the just is as the shining
light,

- That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
- 19 The way of the wicked *is* as darkness :
They know not at what they stumble.
- 20 My son, attend to my words ;
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
- 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes ;
Keep them in the midst of thine heart.
- 22 For they *are* life unto those that find them,
And health to all their flesh.
- 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence ;
For out of it *are* the issues of life.
- 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth,
And perverse lips put far from thee.
- 25 Let thine eyes look right on,
And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
- 26 Ponder the path of thy feet,
And let all thy ways be established.
- 27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left :
Remove thy foot from evil.
- 5 My son, attend unto my wisdom,
And bow thine ear to my understanding :
- 2 That thou mayest regard discretion,
And that thy lips may keep knowledge.
- 3 For the lips of a strange woman drop as an honeycomb,
And her mouth *is* smoother than oil :
- 4 But her end is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
- 5 Her feet go down to death ;
Her steps take hold on hell.
- 6 Lest thou shouldest ponder the path of life,
Her ways are movable, *that* thou canst not know them.
- 7 Hear me now therefore, O ye children,
And depart not from the words of my mouth.
- 8 Remove thy way far from her,
And come not nigh the door of her house :
- 9 Lest thou give thine honor unto others,
And thy years unto the cruel :
- 10 Lest strangers be filled with thy wealth ;
And thy labors be in the house of a stranger ;
- 11 And thou mourn at the last,
When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
- 12 And say, How have I hated instruction,
And my heart despised reproof ;
- 13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me !
- 14 I was almost in all evil
In the midst of the congregation and assembly.
- 15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
And running waters out of thine own well.
- 16 Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad,
And rivers of waters in the streets.
- 17 Let them be only thine own,
And not strangers' with thee.
- 18 Let thy fountain be blessed :
And rejoice with the wife of thy youth.
- 19 Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe ;
Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times ;
And be thou ravished always with her love.
- 20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished
with a strange woman,
And embrace the bosom of a stranger ?
- 21 For the ways of man *are* before the eyes of the LORD,
And he pondereth all his goings.
- 22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself,
And he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.
- 23 He shall die without instruction ;
And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.
- 6 My son, if thou be surety for thy friend,
If thou hast stricken thy hand with a stranger,
- 2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth,
Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.
- 3 Do this, now, my son, and deliver thyself,
When thou art come into the hand of thy friend ;
Go, humble thyself, and make sure thy friend.
- 4 Give not sleep to thine eyes,
Nor slumber to thine eyelids.
- 5 Deliver thyself as a roe from the hand of the hunter,
And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.
- 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard ;
Consider her ways, and be wise :
- 7 Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
8 Provideth her meat in the summer,
And gathereth her food in the harvest.
- 9 How long wilt thou sleep, O sluggard ?
When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep !
- 10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep :
- 11 So shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth,
And thy want as an armed man.
- 12 A naughty person, a wicked man,
Walketh with a froward mouth.
- 13 He winketh with his eyes,
He speaketh with his feet,
He teacheth with his fingers ;
- 14 Frowardness is in his heart,
He deviseth mischief continually ;
He soweth discord.
- 15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly ;
Suddenly shall he be broken without remedy.
- 16 These six things doth the LORD hate :
Yea, seven are an abomination unto him :
- 17 A proud look, a lying tongue,
And hands that shed innocent blood,
- 18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,
Feet that be swift in running to mischief,
- 19 A false witness that speaketh lies,
And him that soweth discord among brethren.
- 20 My son, keep thy father's commandment,
And forsake not the law of thy mother :
- 21 Bind them continually upon thine heart,
And tie them about thy neck.
- 22 When thou goest, it shall lead thee ;
When thou sleepest, it shall keep thee ;
And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.
- 23 For the commandment is a lamp ;
And the law is light ;
And reproofs of instruction are the way of life :
- 24 To keep thee from the evil woman,
From the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman.
- 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart ;
Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.
- 26 For by means of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread :
And the adulteress will hunt for the precious life.
- 27 Can a man take fire in his bosom,
And his clothes not be burned ?

- 28 Can one go upon hot coals,
And his feet not be burned ?
- 29 So he that goeth in to his neighbor's wife ;
Whosoever toucheth her shall not be innocent.
- 30 *Men* do not despise a thief,
If he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry ;
- 31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold ;
He shall give all the substance of his house.
- 32 *But* whose committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding ;
He that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.
- 33 A wound and dishonor shall he get ;
And his reproach shall not be wiped away.
- 34 For jealousy is the rage of a man ;
Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance.
- 35 He will not regard any ransom ;
Neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.
- 7 My son, keep my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee.
- 2 Keep my commandments, and live ;
And my law as the apple of thine eye.
- 3 Bind them upon thy fingers,
Write them upon the table of thine heart.
- 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister ;
And call understanding thy kinswoman :
- 5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman,
From the stranger which flattereth with her words.
- 6 For at the window of my house I looked
through my casement,
- 7 And beheld among the simple ones,
I discerned among the youths, a young man void of understanding,
- 8 Passing through the street near her corner ;
And he went the way to her house,
- 9 In the twilight, in the evening,
In the black and dark night :
- 10 And, behold, there met him a woman with the attire of an harlot,
And subtil of heart.
- 11 (She is loud and stubborn ;
Her feet abide not in her house :
- 12 Now is she without, now in the streets,
And lieth in wait at every corner.)
- 13 So she caught him, and kissed him,
And with an impudent face said unto him,
- 14 I have peace-offerings with me ;
This day have I payed my vows.
- 15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,
Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
- 16 I have decked my bed with coverings of tapes'ry,
With carved works, with fine linen of Egypt.
- 17 I have perfumed my bed with myrrh, aloes,
and cinnamon.
- 18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning ;
Let us solace ourselves with loves.
- 19 For the good man is not at home,
He is gone a long journey.
- 20 He hath taken a bag of money with him.
And will come home at the day appointed.
- 21 With her much fair speech she caused him to yield,
With the flattering of her lips she forced him.
- 22 He goeth after her straightway,
- As an ox goeth to the slaughter,
Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks ;
- 23 Till a dart strike through his liver ;
As a bird hasteth to the snare,
And knoweth not that it is for his life.
- 24 Hearken unto me now therefore, O ye children,
And attend to the words of my mouth.
- 25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways,
Go not astray in her paths.
- 26 For she hath cast down many wounded :
Yea, many strong men have been slain by her.
- 27 Her house is the way to hell,
Going down to the chambers of death.
- 8 Doth not wisdom cry ?
And understanding put forth her voice ?
- 2 She standeth in the top of high places,
By the way in the places of the paths.
- 3 She crieth at the gates,
At the entry of the city,
At the coming in at the doors.
- 4 Unto you, O men, I call ;
And my voice is to the sons of man.
- 5 O ye simple, understand wisdom :
And, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.
- 6 Hear ; for I will speak of excellent things ;
And the opening of my lips shall be right things.
- 7 For my mouth shall speak truth ;
And wickedness is an abomination to my lips.
- 8 All the words of my mouth are in righteousness ;
There is nothing froward or perverse in them.
- 9 They are all plain to him that understandeth,
And right to them that find knowledge.
- 10 Receive my instruction, and not silver ;
And knowledge rather than choice gold.
- 11 For wisdom is better than rubies ;
And all the things that may be desired
Are not to be compared to it.
- 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence,
And find out knowledge of witty inventions.
- 13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil :
Pride, and arrogancy,
And the evil way, and the froward mouth,
do I hate.
- 14 Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom :
I am understanding ; I have strength.
- 15 By me kings reign,
And princes decree justice.
- 16 By me princes rule,
And nobles, even all the judges of the earth.
- 17 I love them that love me ;
And those that seek me early shall find me.
- 18 Riches and honor are with me ;
Yea, durable riches and righteousness.
- 19 My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold ;
And my revenue than choice silver.
- 20 I lead in the way of righteousness,
In the midst of the paths of judgment,
- 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance ;
And I will fill their treasures.
- 22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning
of his way,
Before his works of old.
- 23 I was set up from everlasting,
From the beginning, or ever the earth was.
- 24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth ;

- When *there were* no fountains abounding with water.
- 25 Before the mountains were settled,
Before the hills was I brought forth :
- 26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields,
Nor the highest part of the dust of the world.
- 27 When he prepared the heavens, I *was* there:
When he set a compass upon the face of the depth :
- 28 When he established the clouds above :
When he strengthened the fountains of the deep :
- 29 When he gave to the sea his decree,
That the waters should not pass his commandment :
When he appointed the foundations of the earth :
- 30 Then I was by him, *as* one brought up *with him* :
And I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him ;
- 31 Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth ;
And my delights *were* with the sons of men.
- 32 Now therefore hearken unto me, O ye children :
- For blessed *are they* that keep my ways.
- 33 Hear instruction, and be wise,
And refuse it not.
- 34 Blessed is the man that heareth me,
Watching daily at my gates,
Waiting at the posts of my doors.
- 35 For whoso findeth me findeth life,
And shall obtain favor of the LORD.
- 36 But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul :
All they that hate me love death.
- 9 Wisdom hath builded her house,
She hath hewn out her seven pillars :
- 2 She hath killed her beasts ;
She hath mingled her wine ;
She hath also furnished her table.

- 3 She hath sent forth her maidens :
She crieth upon the highest places of the city,
- 4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither :
As for him that wanteth understanding, she saith to him,
- 5 Come, eat of my bread.
And drink of the wine *which* I have mingled.
- 6 Forsake the foolish, and live ;
And go in the way of understanding.
- 7 He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame :
And he that rebuketh a wicked *man* getteth himself a blot.
- 8 Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee :
Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee.
- 9 Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he will be yet wiser :
Teach a just *man*, and he will increase in learning.
- 10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom :
And the knowledge of the holy is understanding.
- 11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied,
And the years of thy life shall be increased.
- 12 If thou be wise, thou shalt be wise for thyself :
But if thou scornest, thou alone shalt bear it.
- 13 A foolish woman is clamorous :
She is simple, and knoweth nothing.
- 14 For she sitteth at the door of her house,
On a seat in the high places of the city,
- 15 To call passengers who go right on their ways :
- 16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither :
And *as for* him that wanteth understanding,
- 17 She saith to him, ' Stolen waters are sweet,
And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.'
- 18 But he knoweth not that the dead *are* there ;
And that her guests *are* in the depths of hell.

10 THE PROVERBS OF SOLOMON.

- A wise son maketh a glad father :
But a foolish son is the heaviness of his mother.
- 2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing :
But righteousness delivereth from death.
- 3 The LORD will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish :
But he casteth away the substance of the wicked.
- 4 He becometh poor that dealeth *with* a slack hand :
But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
- 5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son :
But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
- 6 Blessings *are* upon the head of the just :
But violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
- 7 The memory of the just is blessed :
But the name of the wicked shall rot.
- 8 The wise in heart will receive commandments :
But a prating fool shall fall.
- 9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely :
But he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
- 10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow :
But a prating fool shall fall.
- 11 The mouth of a righteous *man* is a well of life ;
- But violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes :
But love covereth all sins.
- 13 In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found :
But a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.
- 14 Wise *men* lay up knowledge :
But the mouth of the foolish is near destruction.
- 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city :
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
- 16 The labor of the righteous *tendeth* to life :
The fruit of the wicked to sin.
- 17 He *is* in the way of life that keepeth instruction :
But he that refuseth reproof erreth.
- 18 He that hideth hatred *with* lying lips,
And he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.
- 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin :
But he that refraineth his lips is wise.
- 20 The tongue of the just is *as* choice silver :
The heart of the wicked is little worth.
- 21 The lips of the righteous feed many :
But fools die for want of wisdom.
- 22 The blessing of the LORD, it maketh rich,
And he addeth no sorrow with it.
- 23 *It* is as sport to a fool to do mischief :
But a man of understanding hath wisdom.

- 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him:
But the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
- 25 As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more:
But the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
- 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes,
So is the sluggard to them that send him.
- 27 The fear of the LORD prolongeth days:
But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- 28 The hope of the righteous shall be gladness:
But the expectation of the wicked shall perish.
- 29 The way of the LORD is strength to the upright:
But destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.
- 30 The righteous shall never be removed:
But the wicked shall not inhabit the earth.
- 31 The mouth of the just bringeth forth wisdom:
But the froward tongue shall be cut out.
- 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable:
But the mouth of the wicked speaketh frowardness.
- 11 A false balance is abomination to the LORD:
But a just weight is his delight.
- 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame:
But with the lowly is wisdom.
- 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them:
But the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- 4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath:
But righteousness delivereth from death.
- 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way:
But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them:
But transgressors shall be taken in their own naughtiness.
- 7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish:
And the hope of unjust men perisheth.
- 8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble,
And the wicked cometh in his stead.
- 9 An hypocrite with his mouth destroyeth his neighbor:
But through knowledge shall the just be delivered.
- 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth:
And when the wicked perish, there is shouting.
- 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted:
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- 12 He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor:
But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.
- 13 A talebearer revealeth secrets:
But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.
- 14 Where no counsel is, the people fall:
But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
- 15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it:
And he that hateth suretyship is sure.
- 16 A gracious woman retaineth honor:
And strong men retain riches.
- 17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul:
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
- 18 The wicked worketh a deceitful work:
But to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.
- 19 As righteousness tendeth to life:
So he that pursueth evil pursueth it to his own death.
- 20 They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD:
But such as are upright in their way are his delight.
- 21 Though hand join in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished:
But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
- 22 As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a fair woman which is without discretion.
- 23 The desire of the righteous is only good:
But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
- 24 There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth;
And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.
- 25 The liberal soul shall be made fat:
And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
- 26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him:
But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
- 27 He that diligently seeketh good procureth favor:
But he that seeketh mischief, it shall come unto him.
- 28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall:
But the righteous shall flourish as a branch.
- 29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind:
And the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart.
- 30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;
And he that winneth souls is wise.
- 31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth:
Much more the wicked and the sinner.
- 12 Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge:
But he that hateth reproof is brutish.
- 2 A good man obtaineth favor of the LORD:
But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
- 3 A man shall not be established by wickedness:
But the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- 4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband:
But she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
- 5 The thoughts of the righteous are right:
But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
- 6 The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood:
But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
- 7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not:
But the house of the righteous shall stand.
- 8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom:

- But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
- 9 *He that is despised, and hath a servant, Is better than he that honoreth himself, and lacketh bread.*
- 10 A righteous *man* regardeth the life of his beast :
But the tender mercies of the wicked *are* cruel.
- 11 He that tilleth his land shall be satisfied with bread :
But he that followeth vain *persons* is void of understanding.
- 12 The wicked desireth the net of evil *men* :
But the root of the righteous yieldeth *fruit*.
- 13 The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips :
But the just shall come out of trouble.
- 14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth :
And the recompense of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
- 15 The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes :
But he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.
- 16 A fool's wrath is presently known :
But a prudent *man* covereth shame.
- 17 *He that* speaketh truth sheweth forth righteousness :
But a false witness deceit.
- 18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword :
But the tongue of the wise *is* health.
- 19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever :
But a lying tongue *is* but for a moment.
- 20 Deceit is in the heart of them that imagine evil :
But to the counsellors of peace *is* joy.
- 21 There shall no evil happen to the just :
But the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
- 22 Lying lips *are* abomination to the LORD :
But they that deal truly *are* his delight.
- 23 A prudent man concealth knowledge :
But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
- 24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule :
But the slothful shall be under tribute.
- 25 Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop :
But a good word maketh it glad.
- 26 The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor :
But the way of the wicked seduceth them.
- 27 The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting :
But the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.
- 28 In the way of righteousness *is* life ;
And in the pathway thereof *there is* no death.
- 13 A wise son *heareth* his father's instruction :
But a scorner *heareth* not rebuke.
- 2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of *his* mouth :
But the soul of the transgressors *shall eat* violence.
- 3 He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life :
But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
- 4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and *hath* nothing :
But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
- 5 A righteous *man* hateth lying :
But a wicked *man* is loathsome, and cometh to shame.
- 6 Righteousness keepeth him *that is* upright in the way :
But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
- 7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet *hath* nothing :
There is that maketh himself poor, yet *hath* great riches.
- 8 The ransom of a man's life *are* his riches :
But the poor *heareth* not rebuke.
- 9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth :
But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
- 10 Only by pride cometh contention :
But with the well-advised *is* wisdom.
- 11 Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be diminished :
But he that gathereth by labor shall increase.
- 12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick :
But *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.
- 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall be destroyed :
But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
- 14 The law of the wise *is* a fountain of life,
To depart from the snares of death.
- 15 Good understanding giveth favor :
But the way of transgressors *is* hard.
- 16 Every prudent *man* dealeth with knowledge :
But a fool layeth open his folly.
- 17 A wicked messenger falleth into mischief :
But a faithful ambassador *is* health.
- 18 Poverty and shame *shall be* to him that refuseth instruction :
But he that regardeth reproof shall be honored.
- 19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul :
But *it is* abomination to fools to depart from evil.
- 20 He that walketh with wise *men* shall be wise :
But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
- 21 Evil pursueth sinners :
But to the righteous good shall be repayed.
- 22 A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children :
And the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just.
- 23 Much food *is* in the tillage of the poor :
But there *is that is* destroyed for want of judgment.
- 24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son :
But he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
- 25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul :
But the belly of the wicked shall want.
- 14 Every wise woman buildeth her house :
But the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.
- 2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD :
But *he that is* perverse in his ways despiseth him.
- 3 In the mouth of the foolish *is* a rod of pride :
But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
- 4 Where no oxen *are*, the crib *is* clean :
But much increase *is* by the strength of the ox.
- 5 A faithful witness will not lie :
But a false witness will utter lies.
- 6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and *findeth it* not :
But knowledge *is* easy unto him that understandeth.
- 7 Go from the presence of a foolish man,
When thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

- 8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way :
But the folly of fools is deceit.
- 9 Fools make a mock at sin :
But among the righteous *there is* favor.
- 10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness ;
And a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.
- 11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown :
But the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish.
- 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man,
But the end thereof *are* the ways of death.
- 13 Even in laugh'er the heart is sorrowful ;
And the end of that mirth is heaviness.
- 14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways :
And a good man *shall be satisfied* from himself.
- 15 The simple believeth every word :
But the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.
- 16 A wise *man* feareth, and departeth from evil :
But the fool rageth, and is confident.
- 17 *He that is* soon angry dealeth foolishly :
And a man of wicked devices is hated.
- 18 The simple inherit folly :
But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.
- 19 The evil bow before the good ;
And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.
- 20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor :
But the rich *hath* many friends.
- 21 He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth :
But he that hath mercy on the poor, happy is he.
- 22 Do they not err that devise evil ?
But mercy and truth *shall be* to them that devise good.
- 23 In all labor there is profit :
But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.
- 24 The crown of the wise is their riches :
But the foolishness of fools is folly.
- 25 A true witness delivereth souls :
But a deceitful *witness* speaketh lies.
- 26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence :
And his children shall have a place of refuge.
- 27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,
To depart from the snares of death.
- 28 In the multitude of people is the king's honor :
But in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
- 29 *He that is* slow to wrath is of great understanding :
But *he that is* hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
- 30 A sound heart is the life of the flesh :
But envy the rottenness of the bones.
- 31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker :
But he that honoreth him hath mercy on the poor.
- 32 The wicked is driven away in his wickedness :
But the righteous bath hope in his death.
- 33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding :
But *that which is* in the midst of fools is made known.
- 34 Righteousness exalteth a nation :
But sin is a reproach to any people.
- 35 The king's favor is toward a wise servant :
But his wrath is *against* him that causeth shame.
- 15 A soft answer turneth away wrath :
But grievous words stir up anger.
- 2 The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright :
But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.
- 3 The eyes of the LORD *are* in every place,
Beholding the evil and the good.
- 4 A wholesome tongue is a tree of life :
But perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.
- 5 A fool despiseth his father's instruction :
But he that regardeth reproof is prudent.
- 6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure :
But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
- 7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge :
But the heart of the foolish *doeth* not so.
- 8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD :
But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
- 9 The way of the wicked is an abomination unto the LORD :
But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
- 10 Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way :
And he that hateth reproof shall die.
- 11 Hell and destruction *are* before the LORD :
How much more then the hearts of the children of men ?
- 12 A scorner loveth not one that reproveth him :
Neither will he go unto the wise.
- 13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance :
But by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.
- 14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge :
But the mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness.
- 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil :
But he that is of a merry heart *hath* a continual feast.
- 16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD
Than great treasure and trouble therewith.
- 17 Better is a dinner of herbs where love is,
Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
- 18 A wrathful man stirreth up strife :
But *he that is* slow to anger appeaseth strife.
- 19 The way of the slothful *man* is as an hedge of thorns :
But the way of the righteous is made plain.
- 20 A wise son maketh a glad father :
But a foolish man despiseth his mother.
- 21 Folly is joy to *him that is* destitute of wisdom :
But a man of understanding walketh uprightly.
- 22 Without counsel purposes are disappointed :
But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
- 23 A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth :
And a word *spoken* in due season, how good is it !
- 24 The way of life is above to the wise,
That he may depart from hell beneath.
- 25 The LORD will destroy the house of the proud :
But he will establish the border of the widow.
- 26 The thoughts of the wicked *are* an abomination to the LORD :

- But the words of the pure are pleasant words.
- 27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house:
But he that hateth gifts shall live.
- 28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer:
But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.
- 29 The LORD is far from the wicked:
But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
- 30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart:
And a good report maketh the bones fat.
- 31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise.
- 32 He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul:
But he that heareth reproof getteth understanding.
- 33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;
And before honor is humility.
- 16 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue,
Is from the LORD.
- 2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;
But the LORD weigheth the spirits.
- 3 Commit thy works unto the LORD,
And thy thoughts shall be established.
- 4 The LORD hath made all things for himself:
Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.
- 5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD:
Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.
- 6 By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:
And by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.
- 7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
- 8 Better is a little with righteousness,
Than great revenues without right.
- 9 A man's heart deviseth his way:
But the LORD directeth his steps.
- 10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king:
His mouth transgresseth not in judgment.
- 11 A just weight and balance are the LORD'S:
All the weigh's of the bag are his work.
- 12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness:
For the throne is established by righteousness.
- 13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings;
And they love him that speaketh right.
- 14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death:
But a wise man will pacify it.
- 15 In the light of the king's countenance is life;
And his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain.
- 16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold?
And to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver?
- 17 The high-way of the upright is to depart from evil:
He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
- 18 Pride goeth before destruction,
And an haughty spirit before a fall.
- 19 Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly,
Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
- 20 He that handleth a matter wisely shall find good:
And whoso trusteth in the LORD, happy is he.
- 21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent:
And the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
- 22 Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that hath it:
But the instruction of fools is folly.
- 23 The heart of the wise teacheth his mouth,
And addeth learning to his lips.
- 24 Pleasant words are as an honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
- 25 There is a way that seemeth right unto a man,
But the end thereof are the ways of death.
- 26 He that laboreth laboreth for himself;
For his mouth craveth it of him.
- 27 An ungodly man diggeth up evil:
And in his lips there is as a burning fire.
- 28 A froward man soweth strife:
And a whisperer separateth chief friends.
- 29 A violent man enticeth his neighbor,
And leadeth him into the way that is not good.
- 30 He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things:
Moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass.
- 31 The hoary head is a crown of glory,
If it be found in the way of righteousness.
- 32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty;
And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
- 33 The lot is cast into the lap;
But the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.
- 17 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith,
Than an house full of sacrifices with strife.
- 2 A wise servant shall have rule over a son that causeth shame,
And shall have part of the inheritance among the brethren.
- 3 The firing-pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold:
But the LORD trieth the hearts.
- 4 A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips;
And a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.
- 5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker:
And he that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished.
- 6 Children's children are the crown of old men:
And the glory of children are their fathers.
- 7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool:
Much less do lying lips a prince.
- 8 A gift is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it:
Whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth.
- 9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love:
But he that repeateth a matter separateth very friends.
- 10 A rejoyfeth more into a wise man
Than an hundred stripes into a fool.
- 11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion:
Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- 12 Is a bear rolled off her wheels meet a man,
Rather than a fool in his folly.
- 13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good,
Evil shall not depart from his house.
- 14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water;

- Therefore leave off contention, before it be meddled with.
- 15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just,
Even they both are abomination to the LORD.
- 16 Wherefore *is there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom,
Seeing *he hath* no heart to it?
- 17 A friend loveth at all times,
And a brother is born for adversity.
- 18 A man void of understanding striketh hands,
And becometh surety in the presence of his friend.
- 19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife:
And he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction.
- 20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good:
And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.
- 21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow:
And the father of a fool hath no joy.
- 22 A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:
But a broken spirit drieth the bones.
- 23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom
To pervert the ways of judgment.
- 24 Wisdom is before him that hath understanding:
But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
- 25 A foolish son is a grief to his father,
And bitterness to her that bare him.
- 26 Also to punish the just is not good,
Nor to strike princes for equity.
- 27 He that hath knowledge spareth his words:
And a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.
- 28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise:
And he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.
- 18 Through desire a man, having separated himself,
Seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom.
- 2 A fool hath no delight in understanding,
But that his heart may discover itself.
- 3 When the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt,
And with ignominy reproach.
- 4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters,
And the well-spring of wisdom as a flowing brook.
- 5 It is not good to accept the person of the wicked,
To overthrow the righteous in judgment.
- 6 A fool's lips enter into contention,
And his mouth calleth for strokes.
- 7 A fool's mouth is his destruction,
And his lips are the snare of his soul.
- 8 The words of a talebearer are as wounds,
And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 9 He also that is slothful in his work
Is brother to him that is a great waster.
- 10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower:
The righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
- 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city,
And as an high wall in his own conceit.
- 12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
And before honor is humility.
- 13 He that answereth a matter before he hear-eth it,
It is folly and shame unto him.
- 14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity;
But a wounded spirit, who can bear?
- 15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge;
And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.
- 16 A man's gift maketh room for him,
And bringeth him before great men.
- 17 He that is first in his own cause seemeth just;
But his neighbor cometh and searcheth him.
- 18 The lot causeth contentions to cease,
And parteth between the mighty.
- 19 A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city:
And their contentions are like the bars of a castle.
- 20 A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth;
And with the increase of his lips shall he be filled.
- 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue.
And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
- 22 Who so findeth a wife findeth a good thing,
And obtaineth favor of the LORD.
- 23 The poor useth entreaties;
But the rich answereth roughly.
- 24 A man that hath friends must show himself friendly:
And there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.
- 19 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity,
Than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- 2 Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good;
And he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.
- 3 The foolishness of man perverteth his way:
And his heart fretteth against the LORD.
- 4 Wealth make'h many friends;
But the poor is separated from his neighbor.
- 5 A false witness shall not be unpunished,
And he that speaketh lies shall not escape.
- 6 Many will intreat the favor of the prince:
And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
- 7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him:
How much more do his friends go far from him?
He pursueth them with words, yet they are wanting to him.
- 8 He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul:
He that keepeth understanding shall find good.
- 9 A false witness shall not be unpunished,
And he that speaketh lies shall perish.
- 10 Delight is not seemly for a fool;
Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- 11 The discretion of a man deferreth his anger;
And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
- 12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion;
But his favor is as dew upon the grass.
- 13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father:
And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.
- 14 House and riches are the inheritance of fathers:
And a prudent wife is from the LORD.
- 15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep;
And an idle soul shall suffer hunger.

- 16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his own soul ;
But he that despiseth his ways shall die.
- 17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD ;
And that which he hath given will ne pay him again.
- 18 Chasten thy son while there is hope,
And let not thy soul spare for his crying.
- 19 A man of great wrath shall suffer punishment :
For if thou deliver him, yet thou must do it again.
- 20 Hear counsel, and receive instruction,
That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.
- 21 There are many devices in a man's heart ;
Nevertheless the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.
- 22 The desire of a man is his kindness :
And a poor man is better than a liar.
- 23 The fear of the LORD tendeth to life :
And he that hath it shall abide satisfied ;
He shall not be visited with evil.
- 24 A slothful man hideth his hand in his bosom.
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.
- 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will beware :
And reprove one that hath understanding,
and he will understand knowledge.
- 26 He that wasteth his father, and chaseth away his mother,
Is a son that causeth shame, and bringeth reproach.
- 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction
That causeth to err from the words of knowledge.
- 28 An ungodly witness scorneth judgment :
And the mouth of the wicked devoureth iniquity.
- 29 Judgments are prepared for scorners,
And stripes for the back of fools.
- 30 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging :
And whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.
- 1 The fear of a king is as the roaring of a lion :
Who provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.
- 2 It is an honor for a man to cease from strife :
But every fool will be meddling.
- 3 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold ;
Therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.
- 4 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water ;
But a man of understanding will draw it out.
- 5 Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness :
But a faithful man who can find ?
- 6 The just man walketh in his integrity :
His children are blessed after him.
- 7 A king that sitteth in the throne of judgment
Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.
- 8 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin ?
- 9 Divers weights, and divers measures,
Both of them are alike abomination to the LORD.
- 10 Even a child is known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.
- 11 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
The LORD hath made even both of them.
- 12 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty ;
Open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.
- 13 It is nought, it is nought, saith the buyer :
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.
- 14 There is gold, and a multitude of rubies :
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.
- 15 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger :
And take a pledge of him for a strange woman.
- 16 Bread of deceit is sweet to a man ;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.
- 17 Every purpose is established by counsel :
And with good advice make war.
- 18 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets :
Therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.
- 19 Whoso curseth his father or his mother,
His lamp shall be put out in obscure darkness.
- 20 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning ;
But the end thereof shall not be blessed.
- 21 Say not thou, I will recompense evil ;
But wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee.
- 22 Divers weights are an abomination unto the LORD ;
And a false balance is not good.
- 23 Man's goings are of the LORD :
How can a man then understand his own way ?
- 24 It is a snare to the man who devoureth that which is holy,
And after vows to make inquiry.
- 25 A wise king scattereth the wicked,
And bringeth the wheel over them.
- 26 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD,
Searching all the inward parts of the belly.
- 27 Mercy and truth preserve the king :
And his throne is upholden by mercy.
- 28 The glory of young men is their strength :
And the beauty of old men is the grey head.
- 29 The blueness of a wound cleanseth away evil :
So do stripes the inward parts of the belly.
- 30 The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water :
He turneth it whithersoever he will.
- 1 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes :
But the LORD pondereth the hearts.
- 2 To do justice and judgment
Is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice.
- 3 A high look, and a proud heart,
And the plowing of the wicked, is sin.
- 4 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness ;
But of every one that is hasty only to want.
- 5 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a vanity tossed to and fro of them that seek death.
- 6 The robbery of the wicked shall destroy them ;
Because they refused to do judgment.
- 7 The way of man is froward and strange :
But as for the pure, his work is right.
- 8 It is better to dwell in a corner of the house-top,
Than with a brawling woman in a wide house.

- 10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil :
His neighbor findeth no favor in his eyes.
- 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise :
And when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.
- 12 The righteous *man* wisely considereth the house of the wicked :
But God overthroweth the wicked for their wickedness.
- 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.
- 14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger :
And a reward in the bosom strong wrath.
- 15 *It is* joy to the just to do judgment :
But destruction *shall be* to the workers of iniquity.
- 16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding
Shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
- 17 He that loveth pleasure *shall be* a poor man :
He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.
- 18 The wicked *shall be* a ransom for the righteous,
And the transgressor for the upright.
- 19 *It is* better to dwell in the wilderness,
Than with a contentious and an angry woman.
- 20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise ;
But a foolish man spendeth it up.
- 21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy
Findeth life, righteousness, and honor.
- 22 A wise *man* scaleth the city of the mighty,
And casteth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
- 23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue
Keepeth his soul from troubles.
- 24 Proud and haughty scorner is his name,
Who dealeth in proud wrath.
- 25 The desire of the slothful killeth him ;
For his hands refuse to labor.
- 26 He coveteth greedily all the day long :
But the righteous giveth and spareth not.
- 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is abomination :
How much more, *when* he bringeth it with a wicked mind ?
- 28 A false witness shall perish :
But the man that heareth speaketh constantly.
- 29 A wicked man hardeneth his face :
But *as for* the upright, he directeth his way.
- 30 *There is* no wisdom nor understanding
Nor counsel against the LORD.
- 31 The horse *is* prepared against the day of battle :
But safety is of the LORD.
- 22 A good name *is* rather to be chosen than great riches,
And loving favor rather than silver and gold.
- 2 The rich and poor meet together :
The LORD is the maker of them all.
- 3 A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself :
But the simple pass on, and are punished.
- 4 By humility and the fear of the LORD
Are riches, and honor, and life.
- 5 Thorns and snares *are* in the way of the froward :
He that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.
- 6 Train up a child in the way he should go :
And, when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- 7 The rich ruleth over the poor,
And the borrower is servant to the lender.
- 8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap vanity :
And the rod of his anger shall fail.
- 9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed ;
For he giveth of his bread to the poor.
- 10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out ;
Yea, strife and reproach shall cease.
- 11 He that loveth pureness of heart,
For the grace of his lips the king *shall be* his friend.
- 12 The eyes of the LORD preserve knowledge,
And he overthroweth the words of the transgressor.
- 13 The slothful *man* saith, *There is* a lion without,
I shall be slain in the streets.
- 14 The mouth of strange women *is* a deep pit :
He that is abhorred of the LORD shall fall therein.
- 15 Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child :
But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- 16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his riches,
And he that giveth to the rich, *shall* surely come to want.
- 17 BOW down thine ear, and hear the words of the wise,
And apply thine heart unto my knowledge.
- 18 For *it is* a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee :
They shall withal be fitted in thy lips.
- 19 That thy trust may be in the LORD,
I have made known to thee this day, even to thee.
- 20 Have not I written to thee excellent things
In counsels and knowledge,
- 21 That I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth ;
That thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee ?
- 22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor :
Neither oppress the afflicted in the gate :
- 23 For the LORD will plead their cause,
And spoil the soul of those that spoiled them.
- 24 Make no friendship with an angry man ;
And with a furious man thou shalt not go :
- 25 Lest thou learn his ways,
And get a snare to thy soul.
- 26 Be not thou *one* of them that strike hands,
Or of them that are sureties for debts.
- 27 If thou hast nothing to pay,
Why should he take away thy bed from under thee ?
- 28 Remove not the ancient landmark,
Which thy fathers have set.
- 29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business ?
He shall stand before kings ;
He shall not stand before mean *men*.
- 23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,
Consider diligently what *is* before thee :
2 And put a knife to thy throat,
If thou be a man given to appetite.
3 Be not desirous of his dainties :
For they *are* deceitful meat.
4 Labor not to be rich :
Cease from thine own wisdom.
5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not ?
For riches certainly make themselves wings ;
They fly away as an eagle toward heaven.

- 6 Eat thou not the bread of *him that hath an evil eye*,
Neither desire thou his dainty meats:
- 7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:
Eat and drink, saith he to thee:
But his heart is not with thee.
- 8 The morsel *which* thou hast eaten shalt
thou vomit up,
And lose thy sweet words.
- 9 Speak not in the ears of a fool:
For he will despise the wisdom of thy words.
- 10 Remove not the old landmark;
And enter not into the fields of the fatherless:
- 11 For their Redeemer is mighty;
He shall plead their cause with thee.
- 12 Apply thine heart unto instruction,
And thine ears to the words of knowledge.
- 13 Withhold not correction from the child:
For if thou beatest him with the rod, he
shall not die.
- 14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod,
And shalt deliver his soul from hell.
- 15 My son, if thine heart be wise,
My heart shall rejoice, even mine.
- 16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice,
When thy lips speak right things.
- 17 Let not thine heart envy sinners:
But *be thou* in the fear of the LORD all the
day long:
- 18 For surely there is an end;
And thine expectation shall not be cut off.
- 19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
And guide thine heart in the way.
- 20 Be not among winebibbers;
Among riotous eaters of flesh.
- 21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come
to poverty:
And drowsiness shall clothe a man with
rags.
- 22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee,
And despise not thy mother when she is old.
- 23 Buy the truth, and sell it not;
Also wisdom, and instruction, and under-
standing.
- 24 The father of the righteous shall greatly
rejoice:
And he that begetteth a wise child shall
have joy of him.
- 25 Thy father and thy mother shall be glad,
And she that bare thee shall rejoice.
- 26 My son, give me thine heart,
And let thine eyes observe my ways.
- 27 For a whore is a deep ditch;
And a strange woman is a narrow pit.
- 28 She also lieth in wait as for a prey,
And increaseth the transgressors among
men.
- 29 Who hath woe? who hath sorrow?
Who hath contentions? who hath babbling?
Who hath wounds without cause? who
hath redness of eyes?
- 30 They that tarry long at the wine;
They that go to seek mixed wine.
- 31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,
When it giveth his color in the cup,
When it moveth itself aright.
- 32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,
And stingeth like an adder.
- 33 Thine eyes shall behold strange women,
And thine heart shall utter perverse things.
- 34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in
the midst of the sea,
Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.
- 35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*, and
I was not sick;
They have beaten me, and I felt it not:
When shall I awake? I will seek it yet
again.
- 24 Be not thou envious against evil men,
Neither desire to be with them.
- 2 For their heart studieth destruction,
And their lips talk of mischief.
- 3 Through wisdom is an house builded;
And by understanding it is established:
- 4 And by knowledge shall the chambers be
filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.
- 5 A wise man is strong;
Yea, a man of knowledge increaseth
strength.
- 6 For by wise counsel thou shalt make thy
war:
And in multitude of counsellors *there is*
safety.
- 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool:
He openeth not his mouth in the gate.
- 8 He that deviseth to do evil
Shall be called a mischievous person.
- 9 The thought of foolishness is sin:
And the scorner is an abomination to men.
- 10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,
Thy strength is small.
- 11 If thou forbear to deliver *them that are*
drawn unto death,
And *those that are* ready to be slain;
12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew it not;
Doth not he that pondereth the heart con-
sider it?
And he that keepeth thy soul, doth *not* he
know it?
And shall *not* he render to every man ac-
cording to his works?
- 13 My son, eat thou honey, because it is good;
And the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to thy
taste:
- 14 So *shall* the knowledge of wisdom be unto
thy soul:
When thou hast found it, then there shall
be a reward.
- And thy expectation shall not be cut off.
- 15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the
dwelling of the righteous;
Spoil not his resting-place:
- 16 For a just man falleth seven times, and
riseth up again:
But the wicked shall fall into mischief.
- 17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth,
And let not thine heart be glad when he
stumbleth:
- 18 Lest the LORD see it, and it displease him,
And he turn away his wrath from him.
- 19 Fret not thyself because of evil men,
Neither be thou envious at the wicked;
- 20 For there shall be no reward to the evil
man;
The candle of the wicked shall be put out.
- 21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king:
And meddle not with them that are given
to change:
- 22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly;
And who knoweth the ruin of them both?
- 23 These things also belong to the wise.
It is not good to have respect of persons in
judgment.
- 24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou *art*
righteous;
Him shall the people curse, nations shall
abhor him:

- 25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight,
And a good blessing shall come upon them.
- 26 Every man shall kiss *his* lips that giveth a
right answer.
- 27 Prepare thy work without, and make it fit
for thyself in the field;
And afterwards build thine house.
- 28 Be not a witness against thy neighbor with-
out cause;
And deceive *not* with thy lips.
- 29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done
to me:
I will render to the man according to his
work.

- 30 I went by the field of the slothful,
And by the vineyard of the man void of
understanding;
- 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,
And nettles had covered the face thereof,
And the stone wall thereof was broken
down.
- 32 Then I saw, and considered it well:
I looked upon it, and received instruction.
- 33 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep:
- 34 So shall thy poverty come as one that
travelleth;
And thy want as an armed man.

**25 THESE are also PROVERBS OF SOLOMON, which the men of
Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.**

- 2 *IT* is the glory of God to conceal a thing:
But the honor of kings is to search out a
matter.
- 3 The heaven for height, and the earth for
depth,
And the heart of kings is unsearchable.
- 4 Take away the dross from the silver,
And there shall come forth a vessel for the
finer.
- 5 Take away the wicked from before the king,
And his throne shall be established in right-
eousness.
- 6 Put not forth thyself in the presence of the
king,
And stand not in the place of great men:
- 7 For better it is that it be said unto thee,
Come up hither;
Than that thou shouldst be put lower
In the presence of the prince whom thine
eyes have seen.
- 8 Go not forth hastily to strive,
Lest thou know not what to do in the end
thereof,
When thy neighbor hath put thee to shame.
- 9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbor *himself*;
And discover not a secret to another:
- 10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame,
And thine infamy turn not away.
- 11 A word fitly spoken
Is like apples of gold in pictures of silver.
- 12 As an ear-ring of gold, and an ornament of
fine gold,
So is a wise reprovcr upon an obedient ear.
- 13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest,
So is a faithful messenger to them that send
him:
For he refresheth the soul of his masters.
- 14 Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift
Is like clouds, and wind without rain.
- 15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.
- 16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is
sufficient for thee,
Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.
- 17 Withdraw thy foot from thy neighbor's
house;
Lest he be weary of thee, and so hate thee.
- 18 A man that beareth false witness against his
neighbor is a maul,
And a sword, and a sharp arrow.
- 19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of
trouble
Is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.
- 20 As he that taketh away a garment in cold
weather,
And as vinegar upon nitre, so is he that
singeth songs to an heavy heart.

- 21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread
to eat;
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:
For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his
head,
And the LORD shall reward thee.
- 22 The north wind driveth away rain:
So doth an angry countenance a backbiting
tongue.
- 24 It is better to dwell in a corner of the
house-top,
Than with a brawling woman, and in a
wide house.
- 25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul,
So is good news from a far country.
- 26 A righteous man falling down before the
wicked
Is as a troubled fountain, and a corrupt
spring.
- 27 It is not good to eat much honey:
So for men to search their own glory is not
glory.
- 28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit
Is like a city that is broken down, and with-
out walls.
- 26 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honor is not seemly for a fool.
- 2 As the bird by wandering, as the swallow
by flying,
So the curse causeless shall not come.
- 3 A whip for the horse,
A bridle for the ass,
And a rod for the fool's back.
- 4 Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest thou also be like unto him.
- 5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in his own conceit.
- 6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a
fool
Cutteh off the feet, and drinkeh damage.
- 7 The legs of the lame are not equal:
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 8 As he that bindeth a stone in a sling,
So is he that giveth honor to a fool.
- 9 As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a
drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- 10 The great God that formed all things both
rewardeth the fool,
And rewardeth transgressors.
- 11 As a dog returneth to his vomit,
So a fool returneth to his folly.
- 12 Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.
- 13 The slothful man saith, There is a lion in
the way;
A lion is in the streets.

- 14 *As the door turneth upon his hinges,
So doth the slothful upon his bed.*
- 15 The slothful hideth his hand in *his* bosom ;
It grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth.
- 16 The sluggard is wiser in his own conceit
Than seven men that can render a reason.
- 17 He that passeth by, *and* meddleth with
strife *belonging* not to him,
Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.
- 18 As a mad *man* who casteth firebrands,
arrows, and death,
- 19 So is the man *that* deceiveth his neighbor,
And saith, Am not I in sport ?
- 20 Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out :
So where *there* is no talebearer, the strife
ceaseth.
- 21 *As* coals *are* to burning coals, and wood to fire ;
So is a contentious man to kindle strife.
- 22 The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds,
And they go down into the innermost parts
of the belly.
- 23 Burning lips and a wicked heart
Are like a potsherd covered with silver dross.
- 24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips,
And layeth up deceit within him ;
- 25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not :
For *there* *are* seven abominations in his
heart.
- 26 *Whose* hatred is covered by deceit,
His wickedness shall be showed before the
whole congregation.
- 27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein :
And he that rolleth a stone, it will return
upon him.
- 28 A lying tongue hateth *those that are* afflicted
by it ;
And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.
- 27 Boast not thyself of to-morrow ;
For thou knowest not what a day may bring
forth.
- 2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine
own mouth ;
A stranger, and not thine own lips.
- 3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty ;
But a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.
- 4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous ;
But who is able to stand before envy ?
- 5 Open rebuke is better than secret love.
- 6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend ;
But the kisses of an enemy *are* deceitful.
- 7 The full soul loatheth an honeycomb ;
But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is
sweet.
- 8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest,
So is a man that wandereth from his place.
- 9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart :
So *doth* the sweetness of a man's friend by
hearty counsel.
- 10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend,
forsake not ;
Neither go into thy brother's house in the
day of thy calamity :
For better is a neighbor *that is* near than a
brother far off.
- 11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,
That I may answer him that reproacheth me.
- 12 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and
hideth himself ;
But the simple pass on, and are punished.
- 13 Take his garment that is surety for a stran-
ger,
And take a pledge of him for a strange
woman.
- 14 He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice,
Rising early in the morning,
It shall be counted a curse to him.
- 15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day
And a contentious woman are alike.
- 16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the wind,
And the ointment of his right hand,
Which bewrayeth *itself*.
- 17 Iron sharpeneth iron ;
So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his
friend.
- 18 Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the
fruit thereof :
So he that waiteth on his master shall be
honored.
- 19 As in water face *answereth* to face,
So the heart of man to man.
- 20 Hell and destruction are never full ;
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.
- 21 *As* the fining-pot for silver,
And the furnace for gold ;
So is a man to his praise.
- 22 Though thou shouldst bray a fool in a
mortar
Among wheat with a pestle,
Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.
- 23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy
flocks.
And look well to thy herds.
- 24 For riches *are* not for ever ;
And doth the crown *endure* to every gene-
ration ?
- 25 The hay appeareth, and the tender grass
showeth itself,
And herbs of the mountains are gathered.
- 26 The lands *are* for thy clothing,
And the goats *are* the price of the field.
- 27 And thou shalt have goats' milk enough for
thy food,
For the food of thy household,
And for the maintenance of thy maidens.
- 28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth :
But the righteous are bold as a lion.
- 2 For the transgression of a land many *are*
the princes thereof :
But by a man of understanding and know-
ledge
The state *thereof* shall be prolonged.
- 3 A poor man that oppresseth the poor
Is like a sweeping rain which leaveth no
food.
- 4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked ;
But such as keep the law contend with them.
- 5 Evil men understand not judgment :
But they that seek the LORD understand all
things.
- 6 Better is the poor that walketh in his up-
rightness,
Than *he that is* perverse in his ways,
though he be rich.
- 7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son :
But he that is a companion of riotous *men*
shameth his father.
- 8 He that by usury and unjust gain increaseth
his substance,
He shall gather it for him that will pity the
poor.
- 9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing
the law,
Even his prayer shall be abomination.
- 10 Whoso causeth the righteous to go astray in
an evil way,
He shall fall himself into his own pit :
But the upright shall have good *things* in
possession.
- 11 The rich man is wise in his own conceit ;

- But the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.
- 12 When righteous *men* do rejoice, *there is* great glory :
But when the wicked rise, a man is hidden.
- 13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper :
But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.
- 14 Happy is the man that feareth always :
But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.
- 15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear ;
So is a wicked ruler over the poor people.
- 16 The prince that wanteth understanding is also a great oppressor :
But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.
- 17 A man that doeth violence to the blood of any person
Shall flee to the pit ;
Let no man stay him.
- 18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved :
But he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
- 19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread :
But he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.
- 20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings :
But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
- 21 To have respect of persons is not good :
For, for a piece of bread that man will transgress.
- 22 He that hasteth to be rich hath an evil eye,
And considereth not that poverty shall come upon him.
- 23 He that rebuketh a man, afterwards shall find more favor
Than he that flattereth with the tongue.
- 24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother,
And saith, *It is no transgression ;*
The same is the companion of a destroyer.
- 25 He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife :
But he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
- 26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool :
But whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.
- 27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack :
But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
- 28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves :
But when they perish, the righteous increase.
- 29 He that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck,
Shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
- 3 When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice :
But when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.
- 3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father :
- 30 THE WORDS OF AGUR THE SON OF JAKEH, *even* the prophecy :
the man spake unto Ithiel, even unto Ithiel and Ucal.
- 2 SURELY I *am* more brutish than any man,
And have not the understanding of a man.
- 3 I neither learned wisdom,
Nor have the knowledge of the holy.
- 4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended ?
Who hath gathered the wind in his fists ?
Who hath bound the waters in a garment ?
- Who hath established all the ends of the earth ?
What is his name, and what is his son's name,
If thou canst tell ?
- 5 Every word of God is pure :
He is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.
- But he that keepeth company with harlots spendeth his substance.
- 4 The king by judgment establisheth the land :
But he that receiveth gifts overthroweth it.
- 5 A man that flattereth his neighbor Spreadeth a net for his feet.
- 6 In the transgression of an evil man *there is* a snare :
But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
- 7 The righteous considereth the cause of the poor :
But the wicked regardeth not to know it.
- 8 Scornful men bring a city into a snare :
But wise men turn away wrath.
- 9 If a wise man contendeth with a foolish man,
Whether he rage or laugh, *there is* no rest.
- 10 The bloodthirsty hate the upright :
But the just seek his soul.
- 11 A fool uttereth all his mind :
But a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards.
- 12 If a ruler hearken to lies,
All his servants are wicked.
- 13 The poor and the deceitful man meet together :
The LORD lighteneth both their eyes.
- 14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor,
His throne shall be established for ever.
- 15 The rod and reproof give wisdom :
But a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.
- 16 When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth :
But the righteous shall see their fall.
- 17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest ;
Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
- 18 Where *there is* no vision, the people perish :
But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
- 19 A servant will not be corrected by words :
For though he understand he will not answer.
- 20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words ?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.
- 21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child
Shall have him become his son at the length.
- 22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
And a furious man aboundeth in transgression.
- 23 A man's pride shall bring him low :
But honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.
- 24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul :
He heareth cursing, and bewrayeth it not.
- 25 The fear of man bringeth a snare :
But whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.
- 26 Many seek the ruler's favor ;
But every man's judgment cometh from the LORD.
- 27 An unjust man is an abomination to the just :
And he that is upright in the way is abomination to the wicked.

- 6 Add thou not unto his words,
Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.
- 7 Two things have I required of thee;
Deny me them not before I die:
- 8 Remove far from me vanity and lies:
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with food convenient for me:
- 9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the LORD?
Or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.
- 10 Accuse not a servant unto his master.
Lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty.
- 11 There is a generation that curseth their father,
And doth not bless their mother.
- 12 There is a generation that are pure in their own eyes,
And yet is not washed from their filthiness.
- 13 There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.
- 14 There is a generation, whose teeth are as swords,
And their jaw-teeth as knives, to devour the poor from off the earth,
And the needy from among men.
- 15 The horse-leech hath two daughters, crying,
Give, give.
There are three things that are never satisfied,
Yea, four things say not, It is enough:
- 16 The grave;
And the barren womb;
The earth that is not filled with water;
And the fire that saith not, It is enough.
- 17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother.
The ravens of the valley shall pick it out,
And the young eagles shall eat it.
- 18 There be three things which are too wonderful for me,

- Yea, four which I know not:
- 19 The way of an eagle in the air;
The way of a serpent upon a rock;
The way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
And the way of a man with a maid.
- 20 Such is the way of an adulterous woman;
She eateth, and wipeth her mouth,
And saith, I have done no wickedness.
- 21 For three things the earth is disquieted,
And for four which it cannot bear:
- 22 For a servant when he reigneth;
And a fool when he is filled with meat;
- 23 For an odious woman when she is married;
And an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.
- 24 There be four things which are little upon the earth,
But they are exceeding wise:
- 25 The ants are a people not strong,
Yet they prepare their meat in the summer;
- 26 The conies are but a feeble folk,
Yet make they their houses in the rocks;
- 27 The beasts have no king,
Yet go they forth all of them by bands;
- 28 The spider taketh hold with her hands,
And is in kings' palaces.
- 29 There be three things which go well,
Yea, four are comely in going:
- 30 A lion, which is strongest among beasts,
And turneth not away for any;
- 31 A greyhound;
As he-great also:
And a king, against whom there is no rising up.
- 32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself,
Or if thou hast thought evil, lay thine hand upon thy mouth.
- 33 Surely the charming of milk bringeth forth butter,
And the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood:
So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31 THE WORDS OF KING LEMUEL, the prophecy that his mother taught him.

- 2 WHAT, my son?
And what, the son of my womb?
And what, the son of my vows?
- 3 Give not thy strength unto women,
Nor thy ways to that which destroyeth kings.
- 4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel,
It is not for kings to drink wine;
Nor for princes strong drink:
- 5 Lest they drink and forget the law,
And pervert the judgment of any of the afflicted.
- 6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,
And wine unto those that be of heavy hearts.
- 7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,
And remember his misery no more.
- 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb
In the cause of all such as are appointed to destruction.
- 9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And plead the cause of the poor and needy.
- 10 Who can find a virtuous woman?
For her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her,
So that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 12 She will do him good and not evil
All the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax,
And worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchants' ships;
She bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
And giveth meat to her household,
And a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it:
With the fruit of her hand she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And strengtheneth her arms.
- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good:
Her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle,
And her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor;
Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household:
For all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry;
Her clothing is silk and purple.

- 23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it :
And delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honor *are* her clothing ;
And she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom ;
And in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household,
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed ;
Her husband *also*, and he praiseth her.
- 29 ' Many daughters have done virtuously,
But thou excellest them all.'
- 30 Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain :
But a woman *that* feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands ;
And let her own works praise her in the gates.

ECCLESIASTES ; OR, THE PREACHER.

1 THE WORDS OF THE PREACHER, THE SON OF DAVID, KING OF JERUSALEM.

- 2 VANITY of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities ; all is vanity.
- 3 What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun ?
- 4 One generation passeth away, and *another* generation cometh : but the earth abideth for ever.
- 5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose.
- 6 The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north : it whirleth about continually ; and the wind returneth again according to his circuits.
- 7 All the rivers run into the sea ; yet the sea is not full : unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.
- 8 All things *are* full of labor ; man cannot utter it : the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.
- 9 The thing that hath been, it *is* that which shall be ; and that which is done, *is* that which shall be done : and *there* is no new thing under the sun.
- 10 Is there *any* thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new ? it hath been already of old time, which was before us.
- 11 *There* is no remembrance of former things, neither shall there be *any* remembrance of things that are to come with those that shall come after.
- 12 I THE Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem :
- 13 And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all things that are done under heaven : this sore travail hath God given to the sons of man, to be exercised therewith.
- 14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun ; and behold, all *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.
- 15 That *which* is crooked cannot be made straight : and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.
- 16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, ' Lo, I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem : ' yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge.
- 17 And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly : I perceived that this *also* is vexation of spirit.
- 18 For in much wisdom is much grief ; and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.
- 2 I SAID in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth : therefore enjoy pleasure : and behold this *also* is vanity.
- 2 I said of laughter, *It* is mad : and of mirth, What doeth it ?
- 3 I sought in mine heart to give myself unto wine, (yet acquainting mine heart with wisdom,) and to lay hold on folly, till I might see what *was* that good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heaven all the days of their life.
- 4 I made me great works ; I builded me houses ; I planted me vineyards :
- 5 I made me gardens and orchards, and I planted trees in them of all *kind* of fruit's ;
- 6 I made me pools of water to water therewith the wood that bringeth forth trees ;
- 7 I got me servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house ; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me ;
- 8 I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces ; I gat me men-singers and women-singers, and the delights of the sons of men, *as* musical instruments, and that of all sorts.
- 9 So I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem : also my wisdom remained with me.
- 10 And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them : I withheld not my heart from any joy : for my heart rejoiced in all my labor ; and this was my portion of all my labor.
- 11 Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labor that I had labored to do : and behold, all *was* vanity and vexation of spirit, and *there* was no profit under the sun.
- 12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly : for what *can* the man do that cometh after the king ? *even* that which hath been already done.
- 13 Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness.

The wise man's eyes *are* in his head ; but the fool walketh in darkness : and I myself perceived also that one event happeneth to them all.

Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so it happeneth even to me ; and why was I then more wise ? Then I said in my heart, that this also *is* vanity.

For *there is* no remembrance of the wise more than of the fool for ever ; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise *man* ? As the fool. Therefore I hated life ; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me : for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

Yea, I hated all my labor which I had taken under the sun : because I should leave it unto the man that shall be after me.

And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool ? yet shall he have rule over all my labor wherein I have labored, and wherein I have showed myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity.

Therefore I went about to cause my heart to despair of all the labor which I took under the sun.

For there is a man whose labor is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and in equity ; yet to a man that hath not labored therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also *is* vanity and a great evil.

For what hath man of all his labor, and of the vexation of his heart, wherein he hath labored under the sun ?

For all his days *are* sorrows, and his travail grief ; yea, his heart taketh not rest in the night. This is also vanity.

There is nothing better for a man, *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it *was* from the hand of God.

For who can eat, or who else can hasten *henceunto*, more than I ?

For God giveth to a man that *is* good in his sight wisdom, and knowledge, and joy : but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him that is* good before God. This also *is* vanity and vexation of spirit.

TO every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven ;

A time to be born, and a time to die ; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up *that which is* planted ;

A time to kill, and a time to heal ; a time to break down, and a time to build up ;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh ; a time to mourn, and a time to dance ;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together ; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing ;

A time to get, and a time to lose ; a time to keep, and a time to cast away ;

A time to rend, and a time to sew ; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak ;

A time to love, and a time to hate ; a time of war, and a time of peace.

What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboreth ?

I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it.

He hath made every *thing* beautiful in his time : also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

I know that *there is* no good in them, but for a *man* to rejoice, and to do good in his life.

And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it *is* the gift of God.

I know that whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever : nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it : and God doeth *it*, that *men* should fear before him.

That which hath been is now ; and that which is to be hath already been ; and God requireth that which is past.

AND moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness *was* there ; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity *was* there.

I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked : for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work.

I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts.

For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts ; even one thing befalleth them : as the one dieth, so dieth the other ; yea, they have all one breath ; so that a man hath no pre-eminence above a beast : for all is vanity.

All go unto one place ; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again.

Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth ?

Wherefore I perceive that *there is* nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works ; for that is his portion : for who shall bring him to see what shall be after him ?

SO I returned, and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun : and behold, the tears of *such as were* oppressed, and they had no comforter ; and on the side of their oppressors *there was* power ; but they had no comforter.

Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive.

Yea, better is *he* than both they which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

Again, I considered all travail, and every right work, that for this a man is envied of his neighbor. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh.

Better *is* a handful *with* quietness, than both the hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

- 7 THEN I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun.
- 8 There is one *alone*, and *there* is not a second; yea, he hath neither child nor brother; yet *is there* no end of all his labor; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *sait* he, For whom do I labor, and bereave my soul of good? This is also vanity, yea, it is a sore travail.
- 9 Two *are* better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor.
- 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that* is alone when he falleth; for *he* hath not another to help him up.
- 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat; but how can one be warm *alone*?
- 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.
- 13 Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished.
- 14 For out of prison he cometh to reign; whereas also *he that* is born in his kingdom becometh poor.
- 15 I considered all the living which walk under the sun, with the second child that shall stand up in his stead.
- 16 *There* is no end of all the people, *even* of all that have been before them: they also that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.
- 5 KEEP thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil.
- 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter *any* thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few.
- 3 For a dream cometh through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice is *known* by multitude of words.
- 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for *he* hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.
- 5 Better is it that thou *shouldst* not vow, than that thou *shouldst* vow and not pay.
- 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it *was* an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?
- 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there* are also divers vanities: but fear thou God.
- 8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, marvel not at the matter: for *he that* is higher than the highest regardeth; and *there* be higher than they.
- 9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king *himself* is served by the field.
- 10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity.
- 11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is *there* to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of *them* with their eyes?
- 12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.
- 13 There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt.
- 14 But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and *there* is nothing in his hand.
- 15 As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labor, which he may carry away in his hand.
- 16 And this also is a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go: and what profit hath he that hath labored for the wind?
- 17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and *he* hath much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.
- 18 Behold *that* which I have seen: it is good and comely *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life, which God giveth him: for it is his portion.
- 19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God.
- 20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth *him* in the joy of his heart.
- 6 THERE is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men:
- 2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.
- 3 If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial; I say, *that* an untimely birth is better than he.
- 4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.
- 5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known *any* thing: this hath more rest than the other.
- 6 Yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?
- 7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled.
- 8 For what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath the poor, that knoweth to walk before the living?
- 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this is also vanity and vexation of spirit.

- 10 That which hath been is named already, and it is known that it is man : neither may he contend with him that is mightier than he.
- 11 Seeing there be many things that increase vanity, what is man the better ?
- 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in *this* life, all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow ? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun ?
- 7 A GOOD name is better than precious ointment : and the day of death than the day of one's birth.
- 2 It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting : for that is the end of all men ; and the living will lay it to his heart.
- 3 Sorrow is better than laughter : for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better.
- 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning ; but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth.
- 5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools.
- 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool : this also is vanity.
- 7 Surely oppression maketh a wise man mad ; and a gift destroyeth the heart.
- 8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof : and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.
- 9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry : for anger resteth in the bosom of fools.
- 10 Say not thou, What is the *cause* that the former days were better than these ? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.
- 11 Wisdom is good with an inheritance : and *by* it is profit to them that see the sun.
- 12 For wisdom is a defence, and money is a defence : but the excellency of knowledge is, *that* wisdom giveth life to them that have it.
- 13 Consider the work of God : for who can make *that* straight, which he hath made crooked ?
- 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity consider : God also hath set the one over-against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.
- 15 All things have I seen in the days of my vanity : there is a just man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his wickedness.
- 16 Be not righteous over-much ; neither make thyself over-wise : why shouldest thou destroy thyself ?
- 17 Be not over-much wicked, neither be thou foolish : why shouldest thou die before thy time ?
- 18 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this : yea, also from this withdraw not thine hand : for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all.
- 19 Wisdom strengtheneth the wise more than ten mighty men which are in the city.
- 20 For *there* is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.
- 21 Also take no heed unto all words that are spoken ; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee.
- 22 For oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others.
- 23 All this have I proved by wisdom : I said, I will be wise ; but it *was* far from me.
- 24 That which is far off, and exceeding deep, who can find it out ?
- 25 I applied mine heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason of things, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness :
- 26 And I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands : whose pleaseth God shall escape from her ; but the sinner shall be taken by her.
- 27 Behold, this have I found, saith the Preacher, counting one by one, to find out the account ;
- 28 Which yet my soul seeketh, but I find not : one man among a thousand have I found ; but a woman among all those have I not found.
- 29 Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright ; but they have sought out many inventions.
- 8 WHO is as the wise man ? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing ? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed.
- 2 I counsel thee to keep the king's commandment, and *that* in regard of the oath of God.
- 3 Be not hasty to go out of his sight ; stand not in an evil thing ; for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him.
- 4 Where the word of a king is, *there* is power : and who may say unto him, What doest thou ?
- 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing : and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment.
- 6 Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.
- 7 For he knoweth not that which shall be : for who can tell him when it shall be ?
- 8 *There* is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit ; neither *hath* he power in the day of death : and *there* is no discharge in *that* war ; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.
- 9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun : *there* is a time wherein one man ruleth over another to his own hurt.
- 10 And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done : this is also vanity.
- 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.
- 12 Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his *days* be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him :
- 13 But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow ; because he feareth not before God.
- 14 *There* is a vanity which is done upon the earth ; that there be just men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked ; again, there be wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous : I said, that this also is vanity.

- 15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry: for that shall abide with him of his labor the days of his life, which God giveth him under the sun.
- 16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth: (for also *there is that* neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes:)
- 17 Then I beheld all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because though a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it: yea further; though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.
- 9 FOR all this I considered in my heart even to declare all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, *are* in the hand of God: no man knoweth either love or hatred *by* all *that is* before them.
- 2 All things come alike to all: *there is one event* to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.
- 3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that *there is one event* unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.
- 4 For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion.
- 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.
- 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.
- 7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God now accepteth thy works.
- 8 Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.
- 9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that *is* thy portion in *this* life, and in thy labor which thou takest under the sun.
- 10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for *there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.*
- 11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.
- 12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so *are* the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.
- 13 This wisdom have I seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great unto me:
- 14 *There was* a little city, and few men within it: and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it:
- 15 Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.
- 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless, the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.
- 17 The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools.
- 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good.
- 10 DEAD flies cause the ointment of the apothecary to send forth a stinking savor; so doth a little folly him that is in reputation for wisdom and honor.
- 2 A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart is at his left.
- 3 Yea also, when he that is a fool walketh by the way, his wisdom faileth him, and he saith to every one *that he is a fool.*
- 4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for yielding pacifieth great offences.
- 5 There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* proceedeth from the ruler
- 6 Folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place.
- 7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking as servants upon the earth.
- 8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it: and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him.
- 9 Whoso removeth stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood shall be endangered thereby.
- 10 If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct.
- 11 Surely the serpent will bite without enchantment; and a babler is no better.
- 12 The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
- 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of his talk is mischievous madness.
- 14 A fool also is full of words: a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him who can tell him?
- 15 The labor of the foolish wearieth every one of them; because he knoweth not how to go to the city.
- 16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a child, and thy princes eat in the morning!
- 17 Blessed art thou, O land, when thy king is the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness!
- 18 By much slothfulness the building decayeth; and through idleness of the hands the house droppeth through.

- 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh merry : but money answereth all *things*.
 20 Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought ; and curse not the rich in thy bed-chamber : for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.
- 11 CAST thy bread upon the waters : for thou shalt find it after many days.
 2 Give a portion to seven, and also to eight : for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.
- 3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth : and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be.
 4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow ; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap.
 5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the spirit, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child : even so thou knowest not the works of God who maketh all.
 6 In the morning saw thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hands : for thou knowest not whether they shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both *shall be* alike good.
 7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun :
 8 But if a man live many years, *and* rejoice in them all ; yet let him remember the days of darkness ; for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.
- 9 REJOICE, O young man, in thy youth ; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes : but know thou, that for all these *things* God will bring thee into judgment.
- 10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh : for childhood and youth are vanity.
- 12 Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them ;
 2 While the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain :
 3 In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened,
 4 And the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low ;
 5 Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which* is high, and fears *shall be* in the way, and the almond-tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail : because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets :
 6 Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.
 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was : and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher : all is vanity.
 9 And moreover, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge ; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order, many proverbs.
 10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words : and *that which* was written was upright, even words of truth.
 11 The words of the wise *are* as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, *which* are given from one shepherd.
 12 And further, by these, my son, be admonished : of making many books *there is* no end ; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter ; Fear God, and keep his commandments : for this is the whole *duty* of man.
 14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

THE SONG OF SOLOMON.

1 THE SONG OF SONGS, which is SOLOMON'S.

- 2 LET him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth:
For thy love is better than wine.
- 3 Because of the savor of thy good ointments,
Thy name is as ointment poured forth,
Therefore do the virgins love thee.
- 4 Draw me, we will run after thee:
The king hath brought me into his chambers:
We will be glad and rejoice in thee,
We will remember thy love more than wine:
The upright love thee.
- 5 I am black, but comely, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar, as the curtains of Solomon.
- 6 Look not upon me, because I am black,
Because the sun hath looked upon me:
My mother's children were angry with me;
They made me the keeper of the vineyards;
But mine own vineyard have I not kept.
- 7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
where thou feedest,
Where thou makest *thy flock* to rest at noon:
For why should I be as one that turneth aside
By the flocks of thy companions?
- 8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among women,
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.
- 9 I have compared thee, O my love,
To a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.
- 10 Thy cheeks are comely with rows of jewels,
Thy neck with chains of gold.
- 11 We will make thee borders of gold,
With studs of silver.
- 12 While the king sitteth at his table,
My spikenard sendeth forth the smell thereof.
- 13 A bundle of myrrh is my well-beloved unto me;
He shall lie all night betwixt my breasts.
- 14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of camphire
In the vineyards of En-gedi.
- 15 Behold, thou art fair, my love;
Behold, thou art fair; thou hast doves' eyes.
- 16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea, pleasant:
Also our bed is green.
- 17 The beams of our house are cedar,
And our rafters of fir.
- 2 I am the rose of Sharon,
And the lily of the valleys.
- 2 As the lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.
- 3 As the apple-tree among the trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.
I sat down under his shadow with great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.
- 4 He brought me to the banqueting-house,
And his banner over me was love.
- 5 Stay me with flagons,
Comfort me with apples:
For I am sick of love.
- 6 His left hand is under my head,
And his right hand doth embrace me.
- 7 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
By the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not up, nor awake
My love, till he please.
- 8 THE voice of my beloved! behold, he cometh
Leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills.
- 9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart:
Behold, he standeth behind our wall,
He looketh forth at the windows,
Showing himself through the lattice.
- 10 My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 11 For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone;
- 12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;
- 13 The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs,
And the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.
- 14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock,
In the secret places of the stairs,
Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;
For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.
- 15 Take us the foxes,
The little foxes, that spoil the vines
For our vines have tender grapes.
- 16 My beloved is mine, and I am his:
He feedeth among the lilies.
- 17 Until the day break, and the shadows flee away,
Turn, my beloved; and be thou like a roe,
Or a young hart, upon the mountains of Beher.
- 3 BY night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth:
I sought him, but I found him not.
- 2 I will rise now, and go about the city:
But I found him whom my soul loveth:
I will seek him whom my soul loveth:
I sought him, but I found him not.
- 3 The watchmen that go about the city found me:
To whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?
- 4 It was but a little that I passed from them,
But I found him whom my soul loveth:
I held him, and would not let him go,
Until I had brought him into my mother's house,
And into the chamber of her that conceived me.
- 5 I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
By the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
That ye stir not up, nor awake
My love, till he please.
- 6 WHO is this that cometh out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke,

- Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,
With all powders of the merchant?
- 7 Behold his bed, which *is* Solomon's;
Threescore valiant men *are* about it, of the
valiant of Israel.
- 8 They all hold swords, *being* expert in war:
Every man *hath* his sword upon his thigh
because of fear in the night.
- 9 King Solomon made himself a chariot
Of the wood of Lebanon.
- 10 He made the pillars thereof *of* silver,
The bottom thereof *of* gold,
The covering of it *of* purple,
The midst thereof being paved *with* love
For the daughters of Jerusalem.
- 11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold
king Solomon
With the crown wherewith his mother
crowned him
In the day of his espousals,
And in the day of the gladness of his heart.
- 4 BEHOLD, thou *art* fair, my love;
Behold, thou *art* fair;
Thou *hast* doves' eyes within thy locks:
Thy hair is as a flock of goats,
That appear from mount Gilead.
- 2 Thy teeth *are* like a flock of sheep that *are*
even shorn,
Which came up from the washing;
Whereof every one bear twins,
And none is barren among them.
- 3 Thy lips *are* like a thread of scarlet,
And thy speech is comely:
Thy temples *are* like a piece of a pome-
granate within thy locks.
- 4 Thy neck *is* like the tower of David, builded
for an armory.
Whereon there hang a thousand bucklers.
All shields of mighty men.
- 5 Thy two breasts *are* like two young roes
that are twins,
Which feed among the lilies.
- 6 Until the day break, and the shadows flee
away,
I will get me to the mountain of myrrh,
And to the hill of frankincense.
- 7 THOU *art* all fair, my love;
There is no spot in thee.
- 8 Come with me from Lebanon, my spouse,
With me from Lebanon:
Look from the top of Amana,
From the top of Shenir and Hermon,
From the lions' dens,
From the mountains of the leopards.
- 9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my
spouse;
Thou hast ravished my heart with one of
thine eyes,
With one chain of thy neck.
- 10 How fair is thy love, my sis'er, my spouse!
How much better is thy love than wine!
And the smell of thine ointments than all
spices!
- 11 Thy lips, O my spouse, drop as the honey-
comb:
Honey and milk *are* under thy tongue;
And the smell of thy garments *is* like the
smell of Lebanon.
- 12 A garden inclosed *is* my sis'er, my spouse;
A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.
- 13 Thy plants *are* an orchard of pomegranates,
With pleasant fruits; camphire, with
spikenard,
- 14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinna-
mon,

- With all trees of frankincense; myrrh and
aloes,
With all the chief spices:
- 15 A fountain of gardens, a well of living
waters,
And streams from Lebanon.
- 16 Awake, O north wind;
And come, thou south;
Blow upon my garden, *that* the spices
thereof may flow out.
Let my beloved come into his garden,
And eat his pleasant fruits.
- 5 I am come into my garden, my sister, my
spouse;
I have gathered my myrrh with my spice;
I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey;
I have drunk my wine with my milk:
Eat, O friends;
Drink, yea, drink abundantly, O beloved.
- 2 I SLEEP, but my heart waketh:
It is the voice of my beloved, *that* knocketh,
Saying, Open to me, my sister, my love,
My dove, my undefiled:
For my head is filled with dew,
And my locks with the drops of the night.
- 3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on?
I have washed my feet; how shall I defile
them?
- 4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of
the door,
And my bowels were moved for him.
- 5 I rose up to open to my beloved;
And my hands dropped with sweet-smelling myrrh,
Upon the handles of the lock.
- 6 I opened to my beloved;
But my beloved had withdrawn himself,
and was gone:
My soul failed when he spake:
I sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.
- 7 The watchmen that went about the city
found me,
They smote me, they wounded me;
The keepers of the walls took away my
vail from me.
- 8 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if
ye find my beloved,
That ye tell him that I *am* sick of love.
- 9 What *is* thy beloved more than *another*
beloved,
O thou fairest among women?
What *is* thy beloved more than *another*
beloved,
That thou dost so charge us?
- 10 My beloved *is* white and ruddy,
The chiefest among ten thousand.
- 11 His head *is* as the most fine gold,
His locks *are* bushy, and black as a raven.
- 12 His eyes *are* as the eyes of doves by the
rivers of waters,
Washed with milk, and fitly set.
- 13 His cheeks *are* as a bed of spices,
As sweet flowers:
His lips *like* lilies, dropping sweet-smelling
myrrh.
- 14 His hands *are* as gold rings set with the beryl:
His belly *is* as bright ivory overlaid with
sapphires.
- 15 His legs *are* as pillars of marble, set upon
sockets of fine gold:
His countenance *is* as Lebanon, excellent as
the cedars.
- 16 His mouth *is* most sweet: yea, he *is* alto-
gether lovely.

SOLOMON'S SONG.

- This is my beloved, and this is my friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.
- 6 Whether is thy beloved gone,
O thou fairest among women?
Whither is thy beloved turned aside?
That we may seek him with thee.
- 2 My beloved is gone down into his garden,
To the beds of spices,
To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
- 3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine:
He feedeth among the lilies.
- 4 THOU art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah,
Comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army
with banners.
- 5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
For they have overcome me:
Thy hair is as a flock of goats
That appear from Gilead.
- 6 Thy teeth are as a flock of sheep
Which go up from the washing,
Whereof every one beareth twins,
And there is not one barren among them.
- 7 As a piece of a pomegranate
Are thy temples within thy locks.
- 8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore
concubines,
And virgins without number.
- 9 My dove, my undefiled is but one;
She is the only one of her mother,
She is the choice one of her that bare her.
The daughters saw her, and blessed her;
Yea, the queens and the concubines, and
they praised her.
- 10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morn-
ing,
Fair as the moon, clear as the sun,
And terrible as an army with banners?
- 11 I went down into the garden of nuts
To see the fruits of the valley,
And to see whether the vine flourished,
And the pomegranates budded.
- 12 Or ever I was aware, my soul made me
Like the chariots of Animi-nadib.
- 13 Return, return, O Shulamite;
Return, return, that we may look upon thee.
What will ye see in the Shulanite?
As it were the company of two armies.
- 7 HOW beautiful are thy feet with shoes,
O prince's daughter!
The joints of thy thighs are like jewels,
The work of the hands of a cunning work-
man.
- 2 Thy navel is like a round goblet, which
wanteth not liquor:
Thy belly is like an heap of wheat set about
with lilies.
- 3 Thy two breasts are like two young roes
that are twins.
- 4 Thy neck is as a tower of ivory;
Thine eyes like the fish-pools in Heshbon,
By the gate of Bath-rabbim:
Thy nose is as the tower of Lebanon,
Which looketh toward Damascus.
- 5 Thine head upon thee is like Carmel,
And the hair of thine head like purple;
The king is held in the galleries.
- 6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love,
for delights!
- 7 This thy stature is like to a palm-tree,
And thy breasts to clusters of grapes.
- 8 I said, I will go up to the palm-tree,
I will take hold of the boughs thereof:
Now also thy breasts shall be as clusters of
the vine,
And the smell of thy nose like apples;
- 9 And the roof of thy mouth like the best wine
For my beloved, that goeth down sweetly,
Causing the lips of those that are asleep to
speak.
- 10 I am my beloved's, and his desire is toward
me.
- 11 COME, my beloved, let us go forth into the
field;
Let us lodge in the villages.
- 12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see if the vine flourish,
Whether the tender grape appear,
And the pomegranates bud forth:
There will I give thee my loves.
- 13 The mandrakes give a smell,
And at our gates are all manner of pleasant
fruits,
New and old,
Which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.
- 8 O that thou wert as my brother,
That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without, I would
kiss thee;
Yea, I should not be despised.
- 2 I would lead thee, and bring thee
Into my mother's house, who would instruct
me:
I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine,
Of the juice of my pomegranate.
- 3 His left hand should be under my head,
And his right hand should embrace me.
- 4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
That ye stir not up, nor awake
My love, until he please.
- 5 WHO is this that cometh up from the wil-
derness,
Leaning upon her beloved?
I raised thee up under the apple-tree:
There thy mother brought thee forth:
There she brought thee forth that bare thee.
- 6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart,
As a seal upon thine arm:
For love is strong as death;
Jealousy is cruel as the grave:
The coals thereof are coals of fire,
Which hath a most vehement flame.
- 7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it:
If a man would give all the substance of his
house for love,
It would utterly be contemned.
- 8 We have a little sister, and she hath no
breasts:
What shall we do for our sister in the day
when she shall be spoken for?
- 9 If she be a wall, we will build upon her a
palace of silver:
And if she be a door, we will inclose her
with boards of cedar.
- 10 I am a wall, and my breasts like towers:
Then was I in his eyes as one that found favor.
- 11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon;
He let out the vineyard unto keepers;
Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring
a thousand pieces of silver.
- 12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me:
Thou, O Solomon, must have a thousand,
And those that keep the fruit thereof two
hundred.
- 13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens,
The companions hearken to thy voice:
Cause me to hear it.
- 14 Make haste, my beloved,
And be thou like to a roe or to a young hart
Upon the mountains of spices.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH.

1 THE VISION OF ISAIAH THE SON OF AMOZ, WHICH HE SAW CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM IN THE DAYS OF UZZIAH, JOTHAM, AHAZ, and HEZEKIAH, KINGS OF JUDAH.

- 2 HEAR, O Heavens, and give ear, O Earth: for the LORD hath spoken,
I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.
- 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib:
But Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider.
- 4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers,
Children that are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD,
They have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.
- 5 Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more:
The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.
- 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head *there is no soundness in it;*
But wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores:
They have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment.
Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire:
Your land, strangers devour it in your presence,
And it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers.
And the daughter of Zion is left as a cottage in a vineyard,
As a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city.
- 9 Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant,
We should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.
- 10 HEAR the word of the LORD, ye rulers of Sodom;
Give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah.
- 11 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD:
I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts;
And I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.
- 12 When ye come to appear before me,
Who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?
- 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me;
The new moons and sabbaths,
The calling of assemblies, I cannot away with;
It is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.
- 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth:
They are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.
- 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you,
Yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear:
Your hands are full of blood.
- 16 Wash you, make you clean;
Put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes;
- 17 Cease to do evil; 'learn to do well;
Seek judgment, relieve the oppressed,
Judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.
- 18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD:
Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
- 19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:
- 20 But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword:
For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
- 21 HOW is the faithful city become an harlot!
It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers.
- 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water:
- 23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves:
Every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards:
They judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.
- 24 Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel,
Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies:
- 25 And I will turn my hand upon thee,
And purely purge away thy dross, and take away all thy tin:
- 26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning:
Afterward thou shalt be called, The city of righteousness, the faithful city.
- 27 Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness.
- 28 And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together,
And they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed.

- 29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired,
And ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen.
30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth,
And as a garden that hath no water.
31 And the strong shall be as tow, and the maker of it as a spark,
And they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

2 THE WORD THAT ISAIAH THE SON OF AMOZ SAW CONCERNING JUDAH AND JERUSALEM.

- 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days,
That the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains,
And shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.
3 And many people shall go and say,
Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
To the house of the God of Jacob;
And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths:
For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
4 And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people:
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks:
Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.
5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the LORD.
6 Therefore thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob,
Because they be replenished from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines,
And they please themselves in the children of strangers.
7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures;
Their land is also full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots:
8 Their land also is full of idols;
They worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made
9 And the mean man boweth down, and the great man humbleth himself:
Therefore forgive them not.
10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust,
For fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty.
11 The lofty looks of man shall be humbled,
And the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down,
And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
12 For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty,
And upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:
13 And upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up,
And upon all the oaks of Bashan.
14 And upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up,
15 And upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall,
16 And upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures.
17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down,
And the haughtiness of men shall be made low:
And the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day.
18 And the idols he shall utterly abolish.
19 And they shall go into the holes of the rocks,
And into the caves of the earth,
For fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty,
When he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
20 In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold,
Which they made each one for himself to worship,
To the moles and to the bats;
21 To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks,
For fear of the LORD, and for the glory of his majesty,
When he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.
22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils:
For wherein is he to be accounted of?
3 FOR, behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts,
Doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff,
The whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water,
2 The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet,
3 And the prudent, and the ancient, the captain of fifty, and the honorable man,
And the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator.
4 And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them.
5 And the people shall be oppressed,
Every one by another, and every one by his neighbor:
The child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient,
And the base against the honorable.
6 When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying,
Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand:
7 In that day shall he swear, saying, I will not be an healer;
For in my house is neither bread nor clothing: make me not a ruler of the people.

- 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen :
Because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of his glory.
- 9 The show of their countenance doth witness against them ;
And they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.
Woe unto their soul ! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.
- 10 SAY ye to the righteous, that *it shall be well with him* :
For they shall eat the fruit of their doings.
- 11 Woe unto the wicked ! *it shall be ill with him* :
For the reward of his hands shall be given him.
- 12 AS for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them.
O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths.
- 13 The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people.
- 14 The LORD will enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, and the princes thereof :
For ye have eaten up the vineyard ; the spoil of the poor is in your houses.
- 15 What mean ye that ye beat my people to pieces,
And grind the faces of the poor ? saith the Lord God of hosts.
- 16 MOREOVER the LORD saith,
Because the daughters of Zion are haughty,
And walk with stretched-forth necks and wanton eyes,
Walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet :
- 17 Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab
The crown of the head of the daughters of Zion,
And the LORD will discover their secret parts.
- 18 In that day the LORD will take away the bravery of *their tinkling ornaments about their feet,*
And *their cauls,* and *their round tires like the moon,*
The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers,
The bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs,
And the head-bands, and the tablets, and the ear-rings,
The rings, and nose-jewels, *the changeable suits of apparel,*
And the mantles, and the wimples, and the crisping-pins,
The glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails.
- 24 And it shall come to pass, *that* instead of sweet smell there shall be stink ;
And instead of a girdle a rent ; and instead of well-set hair baldness ;
And instead of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth ; and burning instead of beauty.
- 25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy mighty in the war
26 And her gates shall lament and mourn ;
And she *being* desolate shall sit upon the ground.
- 4 And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man,
Saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel,
Only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach.
- 2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious,
And the fruit of the earth *shall be* excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.
- 3 And it shall come to pass, *that he that is left in Zion,*
And *he that remaineth in Jerusalem,* shall be called holy.
Even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem :
- 4 When the LORD shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion,
And shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof
By the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.
- 5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling-place of mount Zion,
And upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day,
And the shining of a flaming fire by night :
For upon all the glory *shall be* a defence.
- 6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the day-time from the heat,
And for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.
- 5 NOW will I sing to my well-beloved
A song of my beloved touching his vineyard.
' My well-beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill :
- 2 And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof,
And planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it,
And also made a wine-press therein :
- And he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.'
- 3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah,
Judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard.
- 4 What could have been done more to my vineyard, that I have not done in it ?
Wherefore, when I looked that it should bring forth grapes, brought it forth wild grapes ?
- 5 And now, go to ; I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard :
I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up ;
And break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down ;
- 6 And I will lay it waste : it shall not be pruned, nor digged ;
But there shall come up briers and thorns :
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.
- 7 For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel,
And the men of Judah his pleasant plant ;

- And he looked for judgment, but behold oppression ;
For righteousness, but behold a cry.
- 8 WOE unto them that join house to house,
That lay field to field, till there be no place,
That they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth !
- 9 In mine ears *said* the LORD of hosts,
Of a truth many houses shall be desolate,
Even great and fair, without inhabitant.
- 10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath,
And the seed of an homer shall yield an ephah.
- 11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, *that they may follow strong drink ;*
That continue until night, *till wine inflame them !*
- 12 And the harp, and the viol, the tabret,
And pipe, and wine, are in their feasts :
But they regard not the work of the LORD,
Neither consider the operation of his hands.
- 13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity,
Because *they have* no knowledge :
And their honorable men *are* famished,
And their multitude dried up with thirst.
- 14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself,
And opened her mouth without measure :
And their glory, and their multitude,
And their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it.
- 15 And the mean man shall be brought down,
And the mighty man shall be humbled,
And the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled :
- 16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment,
And God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.
- 17 Then shall the lambs feed after their manner,
And the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat.
- 18 WOE unto them that draw iniquity with cords of vanity,
And sin as it were with a cart-rope :
- 19 That say, Let him make speed, *and hasten* his work, that we may see it :
And let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it !
- 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil ;
That put darkness for light, and light for darkness ;
That put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter !
- 21 Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes,
And prudent in their own sight !
- 22 Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine,
And men of strength to mingle strong drink :
- 23 Which justify the wicked for reward,
And take away the righteousness of the righteous from him !
- 24 Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble,
And the flame consumeth the chaff,
So their root shall be as rottenness,
And their blossom shall go up as dust :
Because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts,
And despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.
- 25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people,
And he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them :
And the hills did tremble, and their carcasses *were* torn in the midst of the streets.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand *is* stretched out still.
- 26 AND he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far,
And will hiss unto them from the end of the earth :
And, behold, they shall come with speed swiftly :
- 27 None shall be weary nor stumble among them ;
None shall slumber nor sleep ;
Neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed,
Nor the latchet of their shoes be broken :
- 28 Whose arrows *are* sharp, and all their bows bent,
Their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind :
- 29 Their roarings *shall be* like a lion, they shall roar like young lions :
Yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey,
And shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver it.
- 30 And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea :
And if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness and sorrow,
And the light is darkened in the heavens thereof.

6 IN the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.
2 Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with

twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet,
3 and with twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts:
The whole earth is full of his glory.

4 And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried,
and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, 'Woe is me! for I am undone; because I *am* a
man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of
unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of
6 hosts.' Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live
coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the
7 altar: and he laid *it* upon my mouth, and said, 'Lo, this hath
touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin
8 purged.' Also I heard the voice of the LORD, saying, 'Whom
shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then said I, 'Here *am* I;
9 send me.' And he said,

Go, and tell this people,
'Hear ye indeed, but understand not;
And see ye indeed, but perceive not.'

10 Make the heart of this people fat,
And make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes;
Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

11 Then said I, LORD, how long? And he answered,

Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant,
And the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate,
12 And the LORD have removed men far away,
And *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

13 But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten:
As a teil-tree, and as an oak, whose substance is in them, when they cast *their leaves*:
So the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

7 **AND** it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham,
the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, *that* Rezin the king of Syria,
and Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel, went up toward
Jerusalem to war against it, but could not prevail against it.

2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is confederate
with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his
3 people, as the trees of the wood are moved with the wind. Then
said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou,
and Shear-Jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper
4 pool in the high-way of the fuller's field; and say unto him,

Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither be faint-hearted

For the two tails of these smoking fire-brands,

For the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remaliah.

5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah,

Have taken evil counsel against thee, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it,

And let us make a breach therein for us,

And set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tabeal:

7 Thus saith the Lord GOD,

It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus,

And the head of Damascus is Rezin;

And within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people.

9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,

And the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son.

If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 **'MOREOVER** the LORD spake again unto Ahaz, saying, 'Ask
thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ask it either in the depth, or

12 in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will
13 I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of
David! *Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will ye*
14 *weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself shall give*
you a sign;

Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
And shall call his name IMMANUEL.

15 Butter and honey shall he eat,

That he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good.

16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good,
The land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.

17 The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people,
And upon thy father's house, days that have not come,
From the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even the king of Assyria.*

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the*
uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt,

And for the bee that *is* in the land of Assyria.

19 And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the desolate valleys,
And in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes.

20 In the same day shall the LORD shave with a razor that is hired,
Namely, by them beyond the river, by the king of Assyria,
The head, and the hair of the feet: and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day,

That a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep;

22 And it shall come to pass,

For the abundance of milk *that* they shall give, *that* he shall eat butter:
For butter and honey shall every one eat *that is left* in the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that every place shall be,*
Where there were a thousand vines, at a thousand silverlings,

It shall *even* be for briers and thorns.

24 With arrows and with bows shall *men* come thither;
Because all the land shall become briers and thorns.

25 And *on* all hills that shall be digged with the mattock,
There shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns:

But it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of lesser cattle.

8 MOREOVER the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great roll,
and write in it with a man's pen concerning Maher-shalal-hash-
2 baz. And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the
3 priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto
the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said
the LORD to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz.

4 For before the child shall have knowledge to cry,

My father, and my mother,

The riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria

Shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

5 THE LORD spake also unto me again, saying,

6 Forasmuch as this people refuseth the waters of Shiloah that go softly,
And rejoice in Rezin and Remaliah's son;

7 Now therefore, behold, the LORD bringeth up upon them the waters of the river,
Strong and many, *even the king of Assyria,* and all his glory:
And he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks:

8 And he shall pass through Judah;

He shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck;

And the stretching out of his wings

Shall fill the breadth of thy land, O IMMANUEL.

9 Associate yourselves, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces;

And give ear, all ye of far countries:

Gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces;

Gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces.

10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought;

Speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

11 For the LORD spake thus to me with a strong hand, and instructed
me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying,

12 Say ye not, A confederacy,

To all *them* to whom this people shall say, A confederacy;

Neither fear ye their fear, nor be afraid.

- 13 Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself;
And let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.
- 14 And he shall be for a sanctuary;
But for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel,
For a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 15 And many among them shall stumble, and fall,
And be broken, and be snared, and be taken.
- 16 Bind up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples.
- 17 And I will wait upon the LORD, that hide his face
From the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.
- 18 BEHOLD, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me
Are for signs and for wonders in Israel
From the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.
- 19 And when they shall say unto you,
Seek unto them that have familiar spirits,
And unto wizards that peep, and that mutter:
Should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?
- 20 To the law and to the testimony:
If they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
- 21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bestead and hungry:
And it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves,
And curse their king and their God, and look upward.
- 22 And they shall look unto the earth;
And behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish;
And they shall be driven to darkness.
- 9 Nevertheless the dimness shall not be such as was in her vexation,
When at the first he lightly afflicted the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali,
And afterward did more grievously afflict her by the way of the sea,
Beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.
- 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:
They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.
- 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, and not increased the joy:
They joy before thee according to the joy in harvest,
And as men rejoice when they divide the spoil.
- 4 For thou hast broken the yoke of his burden,
And the staff of his shoulder,
The rod of his oppressor, as in the day of Midian.
- 5 For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise,
And garments rolled in blood;
But this shall be with burning and fuel of fire.
- 6 For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given:
And the government shall be upon his shoulder:
And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end,
Upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,
To order it, and to establish it with judgment
And with justice from henceforth even for ever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
- 8 THE LORD sent a word into Jacob, and it hath light upon Israel.
- 9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria,
That say in the pride and stoutness of heart,
- 10 'The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones:
The sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into cedars.'
- 11 Therefore the LORD shall set up the adversaries of Rezin against him,
12 And join his enemies together: 'The Syrians before, and the Philistines behind;
And they shall devour Israel with open mouth.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out still.
- 13 For the people turneth not unto him that smiteth them,
Neither do they seek the LORD of hosts.
- 14 Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel
Head and tail, branch and rush, in one day.
- 15 The ancient and honorable, he is the head;
And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
- 16 For the leaders of this people cause them to err;
And they that are led of them are destroyed.
- 17 Therefore the LORD shall have no joy in their young men,
Neither shall he have mercy on their fatherless and widows:
For every one is an hypocrite and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out still.
- 18 FOR wickedness burneth as the fire:

- It shall devour the briers and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest,
And they shall mount up *like* the lifting up of smoke.
- 19 Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened,
And the people shall be as the fuel of the fire:
No man shall spare his brother.
- 20 And he shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry;
And he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied:
They shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm:
- 21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh:
And they together *shall* be against Judah.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out still.
- 10 WOE unto them that decree unrighteous decrees,
And that write grievousness *which* they have prescribed;
2 To turn aside the needy from judgment,
And to take away the right from the poor of my people,
That widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless!
- 3 And what will ye do in the day of visitation,
And in the desolation *which* shall come from far?
To whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye leave your glory?
- 4 Without me they shall bow down under the prisoners,
And they shall fall under the slain.
For all this his anger is not turned away,
But his hand is stretched out still.
- 5 O ASSYRIAN, the rod of mine anger,
And the staff in their hand is mine indignation.
- 6 I will send him against an hypocritical nation,
And against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge,
To take the spoil, and to take the prey,
And to tread them down like the mire of the streets.
- 7 Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so;
But it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.
- 8 For he saith, 'Are not my princes altogether kings?
- 9 Is not Calno as Carchemish?
Is not Hamath as Arpad?
Is not Samaria as Damascus?
- 10 As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols,
And whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Samaria;
- 11 Shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols,
So do to Jerusalem and her idols?
- 12 Wherefore it shall come to pass,
That when the LORD hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem
I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria,
And the glory of his high looks.
- 13 For he saith, 'By the strength of my hand I have done it,
And by my wisdom; for I am prudent:
And I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures,
And I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant *man*:'
- 14 And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people:
And as one gathereth eggs *that* are left, have I gathered all the earth;
And there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.'
- 15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith?
Or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it?
As if the rod should shake *itself* against them that lift it up,
Or as if the staff should lift up *itself*, as if it *were* no wood.
- 16 Therefore shall the Lord, the LORD of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness:
And under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.
- 17 And the light of Israel shall be for a fire,
And his Holy One for a flame:
And it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day;
- 18 And shall consume the glory of his forest,
And of his fruitful field, both soul and body:
And they shall be as when a standard-bearer fainteth.
- 19 And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few,
That a child may write them.
- 20 AND it shall come to pass in that day,
That the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob,
Shall no more again stay upon him that smote them;
But shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.
- 21 The remnant shall return, *even* the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.
- 22 For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea,
Yet a remnant of them shall return:
The consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness.
- 23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption,
Even determined, in the midst of all the land.

- 24 **THEREFORE** thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts,
O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian :
He shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner
of Egypt.
- 25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease,
And mine anger in their destruction.
- 26 And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him
According to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb :
And as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt.
- 27 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden
Shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck,
And the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.
- 28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron ;
At Michmash he hath laid up his carriages :
- 29 They are gone over the passage :
They have taken up their lodging at Geba ;
Ramah is afraid ; Gibeah of Saul is fled.
- 30 Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim :
Cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.
- 31 Madmenah is removed ; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.
- 32 As yet shall he remain at Nob that day :
He shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.
- 33 Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror :
And the high ones of stature *shall* be hewn down, and the haughty shall be humbled.
- 34 And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron,
And Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.
- 11 **AND** there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse,
And a branch shall grow out of his roots :
- 2 And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him,
The spirit of wisdom and understanding,
The spirit of counsel and might,
The spirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the LORD ;
- 3 And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD :
And he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes,
Neither reprove after the hearing of his ears :
- 4 But with righteousness shall he judge the poor,
And reprove with equity for the meek of the earth :
And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth,
And with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.
- 5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins,
And faithfulness the girdle of his reins.
- 6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb.
And the leopard shall lie down with the kid ;
And the calf and the young lion and the fatling together ;
And a little child shall lead them.
- 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed :
Their young ones shall lie down together :
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
- 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp.
And the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice's den.
- 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain :
For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
- 10 And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse,
Which shall stand for an ensign of the people ;
To it shall the Gentiles seek : and his rest shall be glorious.
- 11 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the LORD shall set his hand again the second time
To recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left,
From Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros,
And from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar,
And from Hama'h, and from the islands of the sea.
- 12 And he shall set up an ensign for the nations,
And shall assemble the outcasts of Israel,
And gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.
- 13 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off :
Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.
- 14 But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west ;
They shall spoil them of the east together :
They shall lay their hand upon Eton and Moab ;
And the children of Ammon shall obey them.
- 15 And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea ;
And with his mighty wind shall he shake his hand over the river,
And shall smite it in the seven streams, and make *men* go over dryshod.
- 16 And there shall be an high-way for the remnant

Of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria ;
Like as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

- 12 AND in that day thou shalt say,
" O LORD, I will praise thee :
Though thou wast angry with me,
Thine anger is turned away,
And thou comfortedst me.
Behold, God is my salvation ;
I will trust, and not be afraid :
For the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and *my song* ;
He also is become my salvation.
3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water
Out of the wells of salvation.
4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD,
Call upon his name,
Declare his doings among the people,
Make mention that his name is exalted.
5 Sing unto the LORD :
For he hath done excellent things :
This is known in all the earth.
6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion :
For great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

13 THE BURDEN OF BABYLON, WHICH ISAIAH THE SON OF AMOZ DID SEE.

- 2 LIFT ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them,
Shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.
3 I have commanded my sanctified ones,
I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger,
Even them that rejoice in my highness.
4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people ;
A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together,
The LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.
5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven,
Even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land
6 Howl ye ; for the day of the LORD is at hand ;
It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.
7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt :
8 And they shall be afraid : pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them ;
They shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth :
9 They shall be amazed one at another ; their faces shall be as flames.
Behold, the day of the LORD cometh,
Cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate :
And he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.
10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light :
The sun shall be darkened in his going forth,
And the moon shall not cause her light to shine.
11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity ;
And I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness
of the terrible.
12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold ;
Even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.
13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place,
In the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.
14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up :
They shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.
15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through ;
And every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.
16 Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes ;
Their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished.
17 Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver ;
And as for gold, they shall not delight in it.
18 Their bows also shall dash the young men to pieces ;
And they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb ;
Their eye shall not spare children.
19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency,
Shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.
20 It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation :
Neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there :
Neither shall the shepherds make their fold there.
21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there ;
And their houses shall be full of doleful creatures ;
And owls shall dwell there, and satyrs shall dance there.
22 And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their desolate houses,

- And dragons in *their* pleasant palaces :
 And her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.
- 14 For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob,
 And will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land :
 And the strangers shall be joined with them,
 And they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.
- 2 And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place :
 And the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids :
 And they shall take them captives, whose captives they were ; and they shall rule over their oppressors.
- 3 AND it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard
- 4 bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this proverb against the King of Babylon, and say,
- HOW hath the Oppressor ceased ! the golden city ceased !
- 5 The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, *and* the sceptre of the rulers.
- 6 He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke,
 He that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, *and* none hindereth.
- 7 The whole earth is at rest, *and* is quiet : they break forth into singing.
- 8 Yea, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*,
 ' Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.'
- 9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming :
 It stirreth up the dead for thee, *even* all the chief ones of the earth ;
 It hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
- 10 All they shall speak, and say unto thee,
 ' Art thou also become weak as we ? art thou become like unto us ?'
- 11 Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of thy viols :
 The worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.
- 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning !
 How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations !
- 13 For thou hast said in thine heart,
 ' I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God :
 I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north :
 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds ; I will be like the Most High.'
- 14 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.
- 15 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying*,
 ' Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms ;
 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof ;
 That opened not the house of his prisoners ?'
- 16 All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.
- 17 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch,
 And as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword,
 That go down to the stones of the pit ; as a carcass trodden under feet.
- 18 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial,
 Because thou hast destroyed thy land, *and* slain thy people :
 The seed of evil-doers shall never be renowned.
- 19 Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers ;
 That they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.'
- 20 FOR I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts,
 And cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant,
 And son, and nephew, saith the LORD.
- 21 I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water :
 And I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 22 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying,
 ' Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass
 And as I have purposed, so shall it stand :
 That I will break the Assyrian in my land,
 And upon my mountains tread him under foot :
 Then shall his yoke depart from off them,
 And his burden depart from off their shoulders.'
- 23 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth :
 And this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.
- 24 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it ?
 And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back ?
- 25 In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden.
- 26 REJOICE not thou, whole Palestina,
 Because the rod of him that smote thee is broken :
 For out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice,
 And his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.
- 27 And the first-born of the poor shall feed,

And the needy shall lie down in safety :

And I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall slay thy remnant.

31 Howl, O gate ; cry, O city ; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved :

For there shall come from the north a smoke,

And none *shall* be alone in his appointed times.

32 What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation ?

That the LORD hath founded Zion,

And the poor of his people shall trust in it.

15 THE BURDEN OF MOAB.

BECAUSE in the night Ar of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to silence ;

Because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste, *and* brought to silence ;

2 He is gone up to Bajith, and to Dibon, the high places, to weep :

Moab shall howl over Nebo, and over Medeba :

On all their heads *shall* be baldness, *and* every beard cut off.

3 In their streets they shall gird themselves with sackcloth :

On the tops of their houses, and in their streets,

Every one shall howl, weeping abundantly.

4 And Heshbon shall cry, and Elealeh :

Their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jahaz :

Therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out ;

His life shall be grievous unto him.

5 My heart shall cry out for Moab ;

His fugitives *shall* flee unto Zoar, an heifer of three years old :

For by the mounting up of Luhith with weeping shall they go it up ;

For in the way of Horonaim they shall raise up a cry of destruction.

6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate :

For the hay is withered away, the grass faileth, there is no green thing.

7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten,

And that which they have laid up,

Shall they carry away to the brook of the willows.

8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab ;

The howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the howling thereof unto Beer-elim.

9 For the waters of Dimon shall be full of blood : for I will bring more upon Dimon

Lions upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

10 Send ye the lamb to the ruler of the land

From Selah to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion.

2 For it shall be, *that*, as a wandering bird cast out of the nest,

So the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon.

3 Take counsel, execute judgment ;

Make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noon-day ;

Hide the outcasts ; bewray not him that wandereth.

4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee, Moab ;

Be thou a covert to them from the face of the spoiler

For the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceaseth,

The oppressors are consumed out of the land.

5 And in mercy shall the throne be established :

And he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David,

Judging, and seeking judgment, and hasting righteousness.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab ; *he* is very proud :

Even of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath : *but* his lies *shall* not be so.

7 Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl :

For the foundations of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn : surely *they* are stricken.

8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, *and* the vine of Sibmah :

The lords of the heathen have broken down the principal plants thereof,

They are come *even* unto Jazer, they wandered *through* the wilderness :

Hier branches are stretched out, they are gone over the sea.

9 Therefore I will bewail with the weeping of Jazer the vine of Sibmah :

I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh :

For the shouting for thy summer fruits and for thy harvest is fallen.

10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field ;

And in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting :

The treaders shall tread out no wine in *their* presses ;

I have made *their* vintage shouting to cease.

11 Wherefore my bowels shall sound like an harp for Moab,

And mine inward parts for Kir-hareseth.

12 And it shall come to pass, when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place,

That he shall come to his sanctuary to pray ; but he shall not prevail.

13 This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning

14 Moab since that time. But now the LORD hath spoken, saying,

Within three years, as the years of an hireling,

And the glory of Moab shall be contemned,

With all that great multitude ;

And the remnant *shall* be very small and feeble.

17 THE BURDEN OF DAMASCUS.

- BEHOLD, Damascus is taken away from *being* a city, and it shall be a ruinous heap.
- The cities of Aroer *are* forsaken : they shall be for flocks,
Which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.
- The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim,
And the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria :
They shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.
- And in that day it shall come to pass, *that* the glory of Jacob
Shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean.
- And it shall be as when the harvest-man gathereth the corn,
And reapeth the ears with his arm ;
And it shall be as he that gathereth ears in the valley of Rephaim.
- Yet gleanings shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive-tree,
Two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough,
Four or five in the outmost fruitful branches thereof, saith the LORD God of Israel.
- At that day shall a man look to his Maker,
And his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel.
- And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands,
Neither shall respect *that* which his fingers have made,
Either the groves, or the images.
- In that day shall his strong cities be as a forsaken bough, and an uppermost branch,
Which they left because of the children of Israel : and there shall be desolation.
- Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation,
And hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength,
Therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips :
- In the day shalt thou make thy plant to grow,
And in the morning shalt thou make thy seed to flourish :
But the harvest shall be a heap in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.
- WOE to the multitude of many people, *which* make a noise
Like the noise of the seas ; and to the rushing of nations,
That make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters !
- The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters :
But God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off,
And shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind,
And like a rolling thing before the whirlwind.
- And behold at evening-tide trouble : and before the morning he is not.
This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.
- WOE to the land shadowing with wings,
Which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia :
That sendeth ambassadors by the sea,
Even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*,
Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled,
To a people terrible from their beginning hitherto ;
A nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled !
- All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth,
See ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains ;
And when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye.
- For so the LORD said unto me, I will take my rest,
And I will consider in my dwelling-place like a clear heat upon herbs,
And like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest.
- For afore the harvest, when the bud is perfect,
And the sour grape is ripening in the flower,
He shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks,
And take away and cut down the branches.
- They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains,
And to the beasts of the earth :
And the fowls shall summer upon them,
And all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.
- In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts
Of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto ;
A nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled,
To the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion.

19 THE BURDEN OF EGYPT.

- BEHOLD, the LORD rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt :
And the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence,
And the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it.
- And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians :
And they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor ;
City against city, and kingdom against kingdom.
- And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof ;
And I will destroy the counsel thereof :
And they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers,
And to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.

- 4 And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord ;
And a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts.
- 5 And the waters shall fail from the sea,
And the river shall be wasted and dried up.
- 6 And they shall turn the rivers far away ;
And the brooks of defence shall be emptied and dried up :
The reeds and flags shall wither.
- 7 The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks,
And every thing sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no more.
- 8 The fishers also shall mourn,
And all they that cast angle into the brooks shall lament,
And they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish.
- 9 Moreover they that work in fine flax,
And they that weave net-works, shall be confounded.
- 10 And they shall be broken in the purposes thereof,
All that make sluices and ponds for fish.
- 11 Surely the princes of Zoan are fools,
The counsel of the wise counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish :
How say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings ?
- 12 Where are they ? where are thy wise men ?
And let them tell thee now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts hath purposed upon Egypt.
- 13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived ;
They have also seduced Egypt, even they that are the stay of the tribes thereof.
- 14 The LORD hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof :
And they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof,
As a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.
- 15 Neither shall there be any work for Egypt,
Which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do.
- 16 In that day shall Egypt be like unto women :
And it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking
Of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which he shaketh over it.
- 17 And the land of Judah shall be a terror unto Egypt,
Every one that maketh mention thereof shall be afraid in himself,
Because of the counsel of the LORD of hosts, which he hath determined against it.
- 18 In that day shall five cities in the land of Egypt
Speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the LORD of hosts ;
One shall be called, The city of destruction.
- 19 In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD
In the midst of the land of Egypt,
And a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD.
- 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness
Unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt :
For they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors,
And he shall send them a savior, and a great one, and he shall deliver them.
- 21 And the LORD shall be known to Egypt,
And the Egyptians shall know the LORD in that day,
And shall do sacrifice and oblation ;
Yea, they shall vow a vow unto the LORD, and perform it.
- 22 And the LORD shall smite Egypt :
He shall smite and heal it : and they shall return even to the LORD,
And he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them.
- 23 In that day shall there be an high-way out of Egypt to Assyria,
And the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria,
And the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.
- 24 In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria,
Even a blessing in the midst of the land :
- 25 Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people,
And Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.
- 20 IN the year that Tartan came unto Ashdod, (when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him,) and fought against Ashdod, and took
- 2 it ; at the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.
- 3 And the LORD said,
Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years
For a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia ;
- 4 So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners,
And the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot,

Even with *their* buttocks uncovered,
 To the shame of Egypt.
 And they shall be afraid and ashamed
 Of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory.
 And the inhabitant of this isle shall say in that day,
 Behold, such is our expectation, whither we see for help
 To be delivered from the king of Assyria: and how shall we escape?

21 THE BURDEN OF THE DESERT OF THE SEA.

AS whirlwinds in the south pass through;
 So it cometh from the desert, from a terrible land.
 A grievous vision is declared unto me;
 The treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth.
 Go up, O Elam: besiege, O Media:
 All the sighing thereof have I made to cease.
 Therefore are my loins filled with pain:
 Pangs have taken hold upon me.
 As the pangs of a woman that travaileth:
 I was bowed down at the hearing of it;
 I was dismayed at the seeing of it.
 My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me:
 The night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me.
 Prepare the table, watch in the watch-tower,
 Eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield.

6 For thus hath the LORD said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let
 7 him declare what he seeth. And he saw a chariot *with* a couple
 of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels; and he
 8 hearkened diligently with much heed: and he cried, A lion:
 My lord, I stand continually upon the watch-tower in the day-
 9 time, and I am set in my ward whole nights: and, behold, here
 cometh a chariot of men, *with* a couple of horsemen. And he
 answered and said,

Babylon is fallen, is fallen;
 And all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground.
 O my threshing, and the corn of my floor:
 That which I have heard of the LORD of hosts,
 The God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 THE BURDEN OF DUMAH.

HE calleth to me out of Seir,
 Watchman, what of the night?
 Watchman, what of the night?

12 The watchman said,
 The morning cometh, and also the night:
 If ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come.

13 THE BURDEN UPON ARABIA.

IN the forest in Arabia shall ye lodge,
 O ye travelling companies of Dedanim.
 14 The inhabitants of the land of Tema
 Brought water to him that was thirsty,
 They prevented with their bread him that fled.

15 For they fled from the swords,
 From the drawn sword, and from the bent bow,
 And from the grievousness of war.
 16 For thus hath the LORD said unto me.
 Within a year, according to the years of an hireling,
 And all the glory of Kedar shall fail:
 17 And the residue of the number of archers,
 The mighty men of the children of Kedar,
 Shall be diminished:
 For the LORD God of Israel hath spoken it.

22 THE BURDEN OF THE VALLEY OF VISION.

WHAT aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the house-tops?

2 Thou that art full of stirs, a tumultuous city, a joyous city:
 Thy slain *men* are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle.
 3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are bound by the archers:
 All that are found in thee are bound together, *which* have fled from far.

4 Therefore say, Look away from me;

- I will weep bitterly, labor not to comfort me,
 Because of the spoiling of the daughter of my people.
 5 For it is a day of trouble, and of treading down,
 And of perplexity by the Lord GOD of hosts in the valley of vision,
 Breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains.
 6 And Elam bare the quiver with chariots
 Of men *and* horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield.
 7 And it shall come to pass, *that* thy choicest valleys shall be full of chariots,
 And the horsemen shall set themselves in array at the gate.
 8 And he discovered the covering of Judah,
 And thou didst look in that day to the armor of the house of the forest.
 9 Ye have seen also the breaches of the city of David, that they are many :
 And ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool.
 10 And ye have numbered the houses of Jerusalem,
 And the houses have ye broken down to fortify the wall.
 11 Ye made also a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool :
 But ye have not looked unto the maker thereof,
 Neither had respect unto him that fashioned it long ago.
 12 And in that day did the Lord GOD of hosts call to weeping,
 And to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth :
 13 And behold joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep,
 Eating flesh, and drinking wine :
 Let us eat and drink ; for to-morrow we shall die.
 14 And it was revealed in mine ears by the LORD of hosts,
 Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you till ye die,
 Saith the LORD God of hosts.

15 **THUS** saith the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, get thee unto this treasurer, *even* unto Shebna, which *is* over the house, *and say,*

- 16 What hast thou here ? and whom hast thou here,
 That thou hast hewed thee out a sepulchre here,
 As he that heweth him out a sepulchre on high,
 And that graveth an habitation for himself in a rock ?
 17 Behold, the LORD will carry thee away
 With a mighty captivity, and will surely cover thee.
 18 He will surely violently turn and toss thee
 Like a ball into a large country : there shalt thou die,
 And there the chariots of thy glory *shall be* the shame of thy lord's house.
 19 And I will drive thee from thy station,
 And from thy state shall he pull thee down.
 20 AND it shall come to pass in that day,
 That I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah :
 21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle,
 And I will commit thy government into his hand :
 And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah.
 22 And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder ;
 So he shall open, and none shall shut ; and he shall shut, and none shall open.
 23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place ;
 And he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house.
 24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house,
 The offspring and the issue, all vessels of small quantity,
 From the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of flagons.
 25 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts,
 Shall the nail that is fastened in the sure place
 Be removed, and be cut down, and fall ;
 And the burden that *was* upon it shall be cut off : for the LORD hath spoken it.

23 THE BURDEN OF TYRE.

- HOWL, ye ships of Tarshish ; for it is laid waste,
 So that there is no house, no entering in :
 From the land of Chittim it is revealed to them.
 2 Be still, ye inhabitants of the isle ;
 Thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished.
 3 And by great waters the seed of Sihor, the harvest of the river,
 Is her revenue ; and she is a mart of nations.
 4 Be thou ashamed, O Zidon : for the sea hath spoken,
 Even the strength of the sea, saying,
 I travail not, nor bring forth children,
 Neither do I nourish up young men, *nor* bring up virgins.
 5 As at the report concerning Egypt, so shall they be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.
 6 Pass ye over to Tarshish ; howl, ye inhabitants of the isle.
 7 Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is of ancient days ?
 Her own feet shall carry her afar off to sojourn.
 8 Who hath taken this counsel against Tyre,

- The crowning city, whose merchants are princes,
Whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth?
- 9 The LORD of hosts hath purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory,
And to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth.
- 10 Pass through thy land as a river, O daughter of Tarshish: *there is no more strength.*
- 11 He stretched out his hand over the sea, he shook the kingdoms:
The LORD hath given a commandment against the merchant city,
To destroy the strong holds thereof.
- 12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice,
O thou oppressed virgin, daughter of Zidon:
Arise, pass over to Chittim; there also shalt thou have no rest.
- 13 Behold the land of the Chaldeans; this people was not,
Till the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness:
They set up the towers thereof, they raised up the palaces thereof; and he brought it to ruin.
- 14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your strength is laid waste.
- 15 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king:
After the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as an harlot.
- 16 Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten;
Make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.
- 17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years,
That the LORD will visit Tyre,
And she shall turn to her hire, and shall commit fornication
With all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth.
- 18 And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the LORD:
It shall not be treasured nor laid up;
For her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD,
To eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing.
- 24 **BEHOLD**, the LORD maketh the earth empty,
And maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down,
And scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof.
- 2 And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest;
As with the servant, so with his master;
As with the maid, so with her mistress;
As with the buyer, so with the seller;
As with the lender, so with the borrower;
As with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him.
- 3 The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled:
For the LORD hath spoken this word.
- 4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away,
The world languisheth and fadeth away,
The haughty people of the earth do languish.
- 5 The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof;
Because they have transgressed the laws,
Changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant.
- 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth,
And they that dwell therein are desolate:
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left.
- 7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth,
All the merry-hearted do sigh.
- 8 The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth.
The joy of the harp ceaseth.
- 9 They shall not drink wine with a song;
Strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it.
- 10 The city of confusion is broken down;
Every house is shut up, that no man may come in.
- 11 There is a crying for wine in the streets;
All joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone.
- 12 In the city is left desolation,
And the gate is smitten with destruction.
- 13 When thus it shall be in the midst of the land among the people,
There shall be as the shaking of an olive-tree,
And as the gleaning grapes when the vintage is done.
- 14 They shall lift up their voice,
They shall sing for the majesty of the LORD,
They shall cry aloud from the sea.
- 15 Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the fires,
Even the name of the LORD God of Israel in the isles of the sea.
- 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs,
Even glory to the righteous.
- BUT I said, My leanness, my leanness, woe unto me!
The treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously;
Yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt very treacherously.

- 17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare,
Are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth.
- 18 And it shall come to pass,
That he who fleeth from the noise of the fear, shall fall into the pit;
And he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare:
For the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth do shake.
- 19 The earth is utterly broken down,
The earth is clean dissolved,
The earth is moved exceedingly.
- 20 The earth shall reel to and fro like a drunkard,
And shall be removed like a cottage;
And the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it;
And it shall fall, and not rise again.
- 21 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones that are on high,
And the kings of the earth upon the earth.
- 22 And they shall be gathered together,
As prisoners are gathered in the pit,
And shall be shut up in the prison,
And after many days shall they be visited.
- 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed,
When the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion,
And in Jerusalem, and before his ancients gloriously.
- 25 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;
For thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.
- 2 For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin:
A palace of strangers to be no city: it shall never be built.
- 3 Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee,
The city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
- 4 For thou hast been a strength to the poor,
A strength to the needy in his distress,
A refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat,
When the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against the wall.
- 5 Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place;
Even the heat with the shadow of a cloud:
The branch of the terrible ones shall be brought low.
- 6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts
Make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees,
Of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.
- 7 And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people,
And the veil that is spread over all nations.
- 8 He will swallow up death in victory;
And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces;
And the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth:
For the LORD hath spoken it.
- 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God;
We have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD;
We have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
- 10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest,
And Moab shall be trodden down under him,
Even as straw is trodden down for the dunghill.
- 11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst of them,
As he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim:
And he shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands.
- 12 And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls shall he bring down,
Lay low, and bring to the ground, even to the dust.
- 26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah;
"We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.
2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.
3 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:
Because he trusteth in thee.
4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:
5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low;
He layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.
6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.
7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, Most Upright, dost weigh the path of the just.
8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee;
The desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.
9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night;
Yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early:
For when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.
- 10 Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness:

In the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

- 12 LORD, *when* thy hand is lifted up, they will not see:
But they shall see, and be ashamed for *their* envy at the people;
 Yea, the fire of thine enemies shall devour them.
- 12 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.
- 13 O LORD our God, *other* lords beside thee have had dominion over us:
But by thee only will we make mention of thy name.
- 14 *They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* deceased, they shall not rise:
 Therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.
- 15 Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation:
 Thou art glorified: thou hast removed it far *unto* all the ends of the earth.
- 16 LORD, in trouble have they visited thee,
 They poured out a prayer *when* thy chastening *was* upon them.
- 17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery,
 Is in pain, and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been in thy sight, O LORD.
- 18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind
 We have not wrought any deliverance in the earth;
 Neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.
- 19 Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body shall they arise.
 AWAKE and sing, ye that dwell in dust:
 For thy dew is as the dew of herbs,
 And the earth shall cast out the dead.
- 20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee:
 Hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.
- 21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place
 To punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity:
 The earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."
- 27 IN that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword
 Shall punish leviathan the piercing serpent, even leviathan that crooked serpent,
 And he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.
- 2 In that day sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine.
- 3 I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment:
 Lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.
- 4 Fury is not in me: who would set the briers and thorns against me in battle?
 I would go through them, I would burn them together.
- 5 Or let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me;
 And he shall make peace with me.
- 6 He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root:
 Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.
- 7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote those that smote him?
 Or is he slain according to the slaughter of them that are slain by him?
- 8 In measure, when it shooteth forth, thou wilt debate with it:
 He stayeth his rough wind in the day of the east wind.
- 9 By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged;
 And this is all the fruit to take away his sin;
 When he maketh all the stones of the altar
 As chalk-stones that are beaten in sunder,
 The groves and images shall not stand up.
- 10 Yet the defenced city *shall* be desolate,
 And the habitation forsaken, and left like a wilderness:
 There shall the calf feed,
 And there shall he lie down,
 And consume the branches thereof.
- 11 When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off:
 The women come, and set them on fire:
 For it is a people of no understanding:
 Therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them,
 And he that formed them will show them no favor.
- 12 And it shall come to pass in that day,
 That the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt,
 And ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.
- 13 And it shall come to pass in that day,
 That the great trumpet shall be blown.
 And they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria,
 And the outcasts in the land of Egypt,
 And shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.
- 28 WOE to the crown of pride,
 To the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower,
 Which are on the head of the fat valleys of them that are overcome with wine!
- 2 Behold, the LORD hath a mighty and strong one,
 Which as a tempest of hail and a destroying storm,
 As a flood of mighty waters overflowing, shall cast down to the earth with the hand.
- 3 The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trodden under feet:
- 4 And the glorious beauty which is on the head of the fat valley,

- Shall be a fading flower, *and as the hasty fruit before the summer ;*
 Which *when* he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up.
- 5 In that day shall the LORD of hosts be for a crown of glory,
 And for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people.
- 6 And for a spirit of judgment to him that sitteth in judgment,
 And for strength to them that turn the battle to the gate.
- 7 But they also have erred through wine,
 And through strong drink are out of the way ;
 The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink,
 They are swallowed up of wine, they are out of the way through strong drink ;
 They err in vision, they stumble in judgment.
- 8 For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, *so that there is no place clean.*
- 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge ? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine ?
 Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.
- 10 For precept *must* be upon precept, precept upon precept ;
 Line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, *and* there a little :
- 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.
- 12 To whom he said, This is the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest ;
 And this is the refreshing : yet they would not hear.
- 13 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept ;
 Line upon line, line upon line ; here a little, *and* there a little ;
 That they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.
- 14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men,
 That rule this people which is in Jerusalem.
- 15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement ;
 When the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us :
 For we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves :
- 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD,
 Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone,
 A tried stone, a precious corner-stone, a sure foundation :
 He that believeth shall not make haste.
- 17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet .
 And the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies,
 And the waters shall overflow the hiding-place.
- 18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled,
 And your agreement with hell shall not stand ;
- When the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.
- 19 From the time that it goeth forth it shall take you :
 For morning by morning shall it pass over, by day and by night :
 And it shall be a vexation only to understand the report.
- 20 For the bed is shorter than that *a man* can stretch himself *on it* ;
 And the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself *in it* :
- 21 For the LORD shall rise up as *in* mount Perazim,
 He shall be wroth as *in* the valley of Gibeon,
 That he may do his work, his strange work ;
 And bring to pass his act, his strange act.
- 22 Now therefore be ye not mockers, lest your bands be made strong :
 For I have heard from the Lord GOD of hosts a consumption, even determined upon the whole earth.
- 23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice ; hearken, and hear my speech.
- 24 Doth the plowman plow all day to sow ?
 Doth he open and break the clods of his ground ?
- 25 When he hath made plain the face thereof,
 Doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin,
 And cast in the principal wheat
 And the appointed barley and the rye in their place ?
- 26 For his God doth instruct him to discretion, *and* doth teach him.
- 27 For the fitches are not threshed with a threshing instrument,
 Neither is a cart-wheel turned about upon the cummin ;
 But the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod.
- 28 Bread *corn* is bruised ; because he will not ever be threshing it,
 Nor break *it with* the wheel of his cart, nor bruise *it with* his horsemen.
- 29 This also cometh forth from the LORD of hosts,
 Which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in working.
- 29 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city *where* David dwelt !
 Add ye year to year ; let them kill sacrifices.
- 2 Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow :
 And it shall be unto me as Ariel.
- 3 And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a mount,
- 4 And I will raise forts against thee. ' And thou shalt be brought down,
 And shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust,
 And thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground,
 And thy speech shall whisper out of the dust.
- 5 Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust,

- And the multitude of the terrible ones *shall be* as chaff that passeth away :
 Yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly.
- 6 Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise.
 With storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.
- 7 And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel,
 Even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her,
 Shall be as a dream of a night vision.
- 8 It shall even be as when a hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth ;
 But he awaketh, and his soul is empty :
 Or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh ;
 But he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite :
 So shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.
- 9 Stay yourselves, and wonder ; cry ye out, and cry :
 They are drunken, but not with wine ; they stagger, but not with strong drink.
- 10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes :
 The prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.
- 11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed,
 Which men deliver to one that is learned, saying,
 Read this. I pray thee : and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed :
- 12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying,
 Read this. I pray thee : and he saith, I am not learned.
- 13 Wherefore the LORD said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth,
 And with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me,
 And their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men :
- 14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people,
 Even a marvellous work and a wonder :
 For the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,
 And the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.
- 15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD,
 And their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us ? and who knoweth us ?
- 16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay :
 For shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not ?
 Or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it,
 He had no understanding ?
- 17 Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,
 And the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest ?
- 18 And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book,
 And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.
- 19 The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD,
 And the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.
- 20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed,
 And all that watch for iniquity are cut off :
- 21 That make a man an offender for a word,
 And lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate,
 And turn aside the just for a thing of naught.
- 22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham,
 Concerning the house of Jacob,
 Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale.
 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him,
 They shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel.
- 24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding,
 And they that murmured shall learn doctrine.
- 30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD,
 That take counsel, but not of me :
 And that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit,
 That they may add sin to sin :
- 2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth :
 To strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt !
- 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame,
 And the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion.
- 4 For his princes were at Zoan, and his ambassadors came to Hanes.
- 5 They were all ashamed of a people that could not profit them,
 Nor be an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.
- 6 THE BURDEN OF THE BEASTS OF THE SOUTH.
 INTO the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come
 The young and old lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent,
 They will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses,
 And their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.
- 7 For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose :
 Therefore have I cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.
- 8 Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book,
 That it may be for the time to come for ever and ever :

- 9 That this is a rebellious people, lying children,
Children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD :
- 10 Which say to the seers, See not ;
And to the prophets, ' Prophecy not unto us right things,
Speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits :
- 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path,
Cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.'
- 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word,
And trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon :
- 13 Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall,
Swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.
- 14 And he shall break it as the breaking of the potter's vessel that is broken in pieces ;
He shall not spare : so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it
A sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water *withal* out of the pit.
- 15 For thus saith the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel ;
' In returning and rest shall ye be saved ;
In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength : ' and ye would not.
- 16 But ye said, ' No ; for we will flee upon horses ; ' therefore shall ye flee :
And, ' We will ride upon the swift ; ' therefore shall they that pursue you be swift.
- 17 One thousand *shall* *flee* at the rebuke of one ; at the rebuke of five shall ye flee :
Till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.
- 18 And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you,
And therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you :
For the LORD is a God of judgment : blessed *are* all they that wait for him.
- 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem : thou shalt weep no more :
He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry ;
When he shall hear it, he will answer thee.
- 20 And *though* the LORD give you the bread of adversity,
And the water of affliction,
Yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more,
But thine eyes shall see thy teachers :
- 21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, ' This is the way, walk ye in it,'
When ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
- 22 Ye shall defile also the covering of thy graven images of silver,
And the ornament of thy molten images of gold :
Thou shalt cast them away as a menstruous cloth ;
Thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.
- 23 Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground *withal* ;
And bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous :
In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.
- 24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender,
Which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan.
- 25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill,
Rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall.
- 26 Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun,
And the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days,
In the day that the LORD bindeth up the breach of his people,
And healeth the stroke of their wound.
- 27 Behold, the name of the LORD cometh from far,
Burning *with* his anger, and the burden *thereof* is heavy :
His lips are full of indignation, and his tongue as a devouring fire :
- 28 And his breath, as an overflowing stream,
Shall reach to the midst of the neck,
To sift the nations with the sieve of vanity :
And *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to err.
- 29 Ye shall have a song, as in the night *when* a holy solemnity is kept ;
And gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe
To come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel.
- 30 And the LORD shall cause his glorious voice to be heard,
And shall show the lighting down of his arm,
With the indignation of *his* anger, and *with* the flame of a devouring fire,
With scattering, and tempest, and hailstones.
- 31 For through the voice of the LORD shall the Assyrian be beaten down,
Which *sro*te with a rod.
- 32 And *in* every place where the grounded staff shall pass,
Which the LORD shall lay upon him,
It shall be with tabrets and harps :
And in battles of shaking will he fight with it.
- 33 For Tophet is ordained of old ; yea, for the king it is prepared ;
He hath made it deep and large : the pile *thereof* is fire and much wood ;
The breath of the LORD, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.
- 31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help ; and say on horses,
And trust in chariots, because *they are* many ; and in horsemen, because *they are* very
strong ;
But they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD !

- 2 Yet He also *is* wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back his words :
But will arise against the house of the evil-doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity.
- 3 Now the Egyptians *are* men, and not God ;
And their horses flesh, and not spirit.
When the LORD shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall fall,
And he that is holpen shall fall down, and they all shall fail together.
- 4 For thus hath the LORD spoken unto me,
Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey,
When a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him,
He will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them :
So shall the LORD of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.
- 5 As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem ;
Defending also he will deliver it ; and passing over he will preserve it.
- 6 Turn ye unto *him* from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted.
- 7 For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold,
Which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.
8 Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man ;
And the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him :
But he shall flee from the sword,
And his young men shall be discomfited.
- 9 And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear,
And his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD
Whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.
- 32 BEHOLD, a king shall reign in righteousness,
And princes shall rule in judgment.
- 2 And a man shall be as an hiding-place from the wind,
And a covert from the tempest ;
As rivers of water in a dry place,
As the shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
- 3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim,
And the ears of them that hear shall hearken.
- 4 The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge,
And the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly.
- 5 The vile person shall be no more called liberal,
Nor the churl said to be bountiful.
- 6 For the vile person will speak villany,
And his heart will work iniquity, to practise hypocrisy,
And to utter error against the LORD,
To make empty the soul of the hungry,
And he will cause the drink of the thirsty to fail.
- 7 The instruments also of the churl are evil :
He deviseth wicked devices to destroy the poor with lying words,
Even when the needy speaketh right.
- 8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things ;
And by liberal things shall he stand.
- 9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease ;
Hear my voice, ye careless daughters ;
Give ear unto my speech.
- 10 Many days and years shall ye be troubled, ye careless women :
For the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come.
- 11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease ;
Be troubled, ye careless ones :
Strip you, and make you bare,
And gird sackcloth upon your loins.
- 12 They shall lament for the teats,
For the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine.
- 13 Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers ;
Yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city,
Because the palaces shall be forsaken ;
The multitude of the city shall be left ;
The forts and towers shall be for dens for ever,
A joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks ;
- 15 Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high,
And the wilderness be a fruitful field,
And the fruitful field be counted for a forest.
- 16 Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness,
And righteousness remain in the fruitful field.
- 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace :
And the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.
- 18 And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation,
And in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places ;
- 19 When it shall hail, coming down on the forest ;
And the city shall be low in a low place.

- 20 Blessed *are* ye that sow beside all waters.
That send forth *thither* the feet of the ox and the ass.
- 33 WOE to thee that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled;
And dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee.
When thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled;
And when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.
- 2 O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee:
Be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.
- 3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled;
At the lifting up of thyself the nations were scattered.
- 4 And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar:
As the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.
- 5 The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high:
He hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness.
- 6 And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times,
And strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.
- 7 Behold, their valiant ones shall cry without:
The ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly.
- 8 The high-ways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth:
He hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth no man.
- 9 The earth mourneth *and* languisheth:
Lebanon is ashamed *and* hewn down:
Sharon is like a wilderness: and Bashan and Carmel shake off *their* fruits.
- 10 Now will I rise, saith the LORD:
Now will I be exalted; now will I lift up myself.
- 11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble:
Your breath, *as* fire, shall devour you.
- 12 And the people shall be *as* the burnings of lime:
As thorns cut up shall they be burned in the fire.
- 13 Hear, ye *that are* far off, what I have done;
And, ye *that are* near, acknowledge my might.
- 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid;
Fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites.
Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire?
Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?
- 15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;
He that despiseth the gain of oppressions,
That shaketh his hands from holding of bribes,
That stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood,
And shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;
- 16 He shall dwell on high: his place of defence *shall be* the munitions of rocks:
Bread shall be given him; his waters *shall be* sure.
- 17 Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty:
They shall behold the land that is very far off.
- 18 Thine heart shall meditate terror.
WHERE is the scribe? where is the receiver?
Where is he that counted the towers?
- 19 Thou shalt not see a fierce people,
A people of deeper speech than thou canst perceive;
Of a stammering tongue, *that thou canst* not understand.
- 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities:
Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation,
A tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down:
Not one of the stakes thereof shall ever be removed,
Neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken.
- 21 But there the glorious LORD *will be* unto us
A place of broad rivers *and* streams;
Wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby.
- 22 For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver,
The LORD is our king; he will save us.
- 23 Thy tacklings are loosed;
They could not well strengthen their mast, they could not spread the sail:
Then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey.
- 24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick:
The people that dwell therein *shall be* forgiven *their* iniquity.
- 34 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people:
Let the earth hear, and all that is therein;
The world, and all things that come forth of it.
- 2 For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations,
And his fury upon all their armies:
He hath utterly destroyed them,
He hath delivered them to the slaughter
- 3 Their slain also shall be cast out,

- And their stink shall come up out of their carcasses,
And the mountains shall be melted with their blood.
- 4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved,
And the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll :
And all their host shall fall down,
- As the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree.
- 5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven :
Behold, it shall come down upon Idumea,
And upon the people of my curse, to judgment.
- 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood,
It is made fat with fatness,
And with the blood of lambs and goats,
With the fat of the kidneys of rams :
For the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah,
And a great slaughter in the land of Idumea.
- 7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls ;
And their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness.
- 8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance,
And the year of recompenses for the controversy of Zion.
- 9 And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone,
And the land thereof shall become burning pitch.
- 10 It shall not be quenched, night nor day ;
The smoke thereof shall go up for ever :
From generation to generation it shall lie waste ;
None shall pass through it for ever and ever.
- 11 But the cormorant and the bittern shall possess it ;
The owl also and the raven shall dwell in it :
And he shall stretch out upon it the line of confusion, and the stones of emptiness.
- 12 They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom,
But none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing.
- 13 And thorns shall come up in her palaces,
Nettles and brambles in the fortresses thereof ;
And it shall be an habitation of dragons, and a court for owls.
- 14 The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island,
And the satyr shall cry to his fellow ;
The screech-owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest.
- 15 There shall the great owl make her nest,
And lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow :
There shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.
- 16 Seek ye out of the book of the LORD, and read :
No one of these shall fail, none shall want her mate :
For my mouth it hath commanded, and his spirit it hath gathered them.
- 17 And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line :
They shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.
- 35 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them ;
And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.
- 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing :
The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon,
They shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.
- 3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to them *that are* of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not :
Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance,
Even God with a recompense ;
He will come and save you.
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.
- 6 Then shall the lame man leap as an hart,
And the tongue of the dumb sing :
For in the wilderness shall waters break out,
And streams in the desert.
- 7 And the parched ground shall become a pool,
And the thirsty land springs of water :
In the habitation of dragons, where each lay,
Shall be grass with reeds and rushes.
- 8 And an high-way shall be there, and a way,
And it shall be called, The way of holiness ;
The unclean shall not pass over it ; but it *shall be* for those :
The wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *therein*.
- 9 No lion shall be there,
Nor *any* ravenous beast shall go up thereon,
It shall not be found there ;
But the redeemed shall walk *there* :
- 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return,
And come to Zion with songs, and everlasting joy upon their heads :

They shall obtain joy and gladness,
And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

- 36 **NOW** it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the defended cities of Judah, and took them. And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah, with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the high-way of the fullers' field. Then came forth unto him Eliakim, Hilkiah's son, which was over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, Asaph's son, the recorder. And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? I say, sayest thou, (but they are but vain words) I have counsel and strength for war: now, on whom dost thou trust, that thou rebellest against me? Lo, thou trustest in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust in him. But if thou say to me, We trust in the LORD our God: is it not he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar? Now therefore give pledges, I pray thee, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How then wilt thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? And am I now come up without the LORD against this land to destroy it? The LORD said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung and drink their own piss with you? Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you: for he shall not be able to deliver you. Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the LORD, saying, The LORD will surely deliver us: this city shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. Beware lest Hezekiah persuade you, saying, The LORD will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath, and Arphad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they

20 delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands, that have delivered their land out of my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

21 But they held their peace, and answered him not a word: for

22 the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. Then came Eliakim, the son of Hilkiah, that *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah, the son of Asaph, the recorder, to Hezekiah with *their* clothes rent, and told him the words of

37 Rabshakeh. And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard *it*, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and

2 went into the house of the LORD. And he sent Eliakim, who *was* over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day *is* a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy: for the children are come to the birth, and *there is* not strength to bring forth. It may be the LORD thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up *thy* prayer for the remnant that is left. So the servants of king Hezekiah came

6 to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say unto your master, Thus saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of

7 Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor, and return to his own land; and

8 I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish.

9 And he heard say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, He is come forth to make war with thee. And when he heard *it*, he

10 sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into

11 the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by destroying them

12 utterly; and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them which my fathers have destroyed, *as* Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden which

13 *were* in Telassar? Where *is* the king of Hamath, and the king of Arphad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, Hena, and Ivah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of

15 the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed unto the LORD, saying,

16 "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest *between* the cherubims, thou art the God, *even* thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations, and their countries, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they *were* no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone:

- 20 therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, *even thou only.*"
- 21 THEN Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed
- 22 to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria: this is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him;
- The virgin, the daughter of Zion, hath despised thee, and laughed thee to scorn;
The daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee.
- 23 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed;
And against whom hast thou exalted thy voice,
And lifted up thine eyes on high? *even against the Holy One of Israel.*
- 24 By thy servants hast thou reproached the LORD,
And hast said, By the multitude of my chariots
Am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon;
And I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir-trees thereof:
And I will enter into the height of his border, and the forest of his Carmel.
- 25 I have digged, and drunk water;
And with the sole of my feet have I dried up all the rivers of the besieged places.
- 26 Hast thou not heard long ago, *how* I have done it;
And of ancient times, that I have formed it? now have I brought it to pass,
That thou shouldst be to lay waste defenced cities *into* ruinous heaps.
- 27 Therefore their inhabitants *were* of small power,
They were dismayed and confounded:
They were *as* the grass of the field,
And *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the house-tops,
And *as* corn blasted before it be grown up.
- 28 But I know thy abode, and thy going out,
And thy coming in, and thy rage against me.
- 29 Because thy rage against me, and thy tumult, is come up into mine ears,
Therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips,
And I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.
- 30 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat *this* year such as groweth of itself;
And the second year that which springeth of the same:
- 31 And in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.
- 32 And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah
Shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward:
For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant,
And they that escape out of mount Zion:
The zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.
- 33 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria,
- He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there,
Nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it.
- 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return,
And shall not come into this city, saith the LORD.
- 35 For I will defend this city to save it
For mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
- 36 THEN the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they
- 37 were all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed,
- 38 and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Armenia: and Esarhaddon his son reigned in his stead.
- 39 IN those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came unto him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order: for thou shalt
- 2 die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the
- 3 wall, and prayed unto the LORD, 'and said, 'Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in thy

4 sight.' And Hezekiah wept sore. 'Then came the word of the
 5 LORD to Isaiah, saying, 'Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith
 the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer,
 I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen
 6 years. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of
 7 the king of Assyria: and I will defend this city. And this *shall*
be a sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this
 8 thing that he hath spoken; behold, I will bring again the shadow
 of the degrees, which is gone down in the sun-dial of Ahaz, ten
 degrees backward. So the sun returned ten degrees, by which
 degrees it was gone down.

9 THE WRITING OF HEZEKIAH KING OF JUDAH, WHEN HE HAD
 BEEN SICK, AND WAS RECOVERED OF HIS SICKNESS:

10 I said, in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave:
 I am deprived of the residue of my years.
 11 I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living:
 I shall behold man no more with the inhabitants of the world.
 12 Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd's tent:
 I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness:
 From day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.
 13 I reckoned till morning, *that*, as a lion, so will he break all my bones:
 From day *even* to night wilt thou make an end of me.
 14 Like a crane or a swallow, so did I chatter: I did mourn as a dove:
 Mine eyes fail *with looking* upward: O LORD, I am oppressed; undertake for me.
 15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done *it*:
 I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul.
 16 O LORD, by these *things men* live,
 And in all these *things is* the life of my spirit:
 So wilt thou recover me, and make me to live.
 17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness:
 But thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption:
 For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.
 18 For the grave cannot praise thee, death can *not* celebrate thee:
 They that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.
 19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I *do* this day:
 The father to the children shall make known thy truth.
 20 The LORD *was ready* to save me:
 Therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments
 All the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

21 For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs, and lay *it* for
 22 a plaster upon the boil, and he shall recover. Hezekiah also had
 said, What *is* the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?
 39 AT that time Merodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, king of
 Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had
 2 heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. And Hezekiah
 was glad of them, and showed them the house of his precious
 things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious
 ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found
 in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his
 3 dominion, that Hezekiah showed them not. Then came Isaiah
 the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said
 these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Heze-
 kiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, *even* from
 4 Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house?
 And Hezekiah answered, All that *is* in mine house have they
 seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not
 5 showed them. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of
 6 the LORD of hosts: Behold, the days come, that all that *is* in thine

house, and *that* which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

40 COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.
 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,
 That her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned:
 For she hath received of the LORD'S hand double for all her sins.
 3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD,
 Make straight in the desert a high-way for our God.
 4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:
 And the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:
 5 And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
 And all flesh shall see it together:
 For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
 6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?
 All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:
 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
 Because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it:
 Surely the people is grass.
 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
 But the word of our God shall stand for ever.
 9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain;
 O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength;
 Lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!
 10 Behold, the LORD God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him:
 Behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.
 11 He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
 He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom,
 And shall gently lead those that are with young.
 12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
 And meted out heaven with the span,
 And comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
 And weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
 13 Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD,
 Or being his counsellor hath taught him?
 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him,
 And taught him in the path of judgment,
 And taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?
 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket,
 And are counted as the small dust of the balance:
 Behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing.
 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn,
 Nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering.
 17 All nations before him are as nothing;
 And they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.
 18 To whom then will ye liken God?
 Or what likeness will ye compare unto him?
 19 The workman melteth a graven image,
 And the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains.
 20 He that is so impoverished that he hath no oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot,
 He seeketh unto him a cunning workman
 To prepare a graven image that shall not be moved.
 21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard?
 Hath it not been told you from the beginning?
 Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?
 22 It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth,
 And the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers;
 That stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain,
 And spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:
 23 That bringeth the princes to nothing;
 He maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.
 24 Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown:
 Yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth:
 And he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither,
 And the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.
 25 To whom then will ye liken me,
 Or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

- 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*,
That bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names,
By the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth.
- 27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel,
My way is hid from the LORD,
And my judgment is passed over from my God?
- 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard,
That the everlasting God, the LORD,
The Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?
There is no searching of his understanding.
- 29 He giveth power to the faint;
And to *them that have no might* he increaseth strength.
- 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary,
And the young men shall utterly fall:
- 31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength;
They shall mount up with wings as eagles;
They shall run, and not be weary;
And they shall walk, and not faint.
- 41 KEEP silence before me, O islands;
And let the people renew *their* strength; let them come near;
Then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment.
- 2 Who raised up the Righteous *man* from the east, called him to his foot,
Gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings?
He gave *them* as the dust to his sword, and as driven stubble to his bow.
- 3 He pursued them, and passed safely;
Even by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet.
- 4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning?
I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I *am* he.
- 5 The isles saw it, and feared;
The ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.
- 6 They helped every one his neighbor;
And *every one* said to his brother, Be of good courage.
- 7 So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith,
And he that smootheth *with* the hammer him that smote the anvil,
Saying, It is ready for the soldering:
And he fastened it with nails, *that* it should not be moved.
- 8 But thou, Israel, *art* my servant,
Jacob whom I have chosen,
The seed of Abraham my Friend.
- 9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth,
And called thee from the chief men thereof,
And said unto thee, Thou *art* my servant;
I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.
- 10 Fear thou not; for I *am* with thee:
Be not dismayed; for I *am* thy God:
I will strengthen thee: yea, I will help thee;
Yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.
- 11 Behold, all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded:
They shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish.
- 12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them,
Even them that contended with thee:
They that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought.
- 13 For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand,
Saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee.
- 14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel:
I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth:
Thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.
- 16 Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away,
And the whirlwind shall scatter them:
And thou shalt rejoice in the LORD,
And shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.
- 17 When the poor and needy seek water,
And *there is none*, and their tongue faileth for thirst,
I the LORD will hear them,
I the God of Israel will not forsake them.
- 18 I will open rivers in high places,
And fountains in the midst of the valleys:
I will make the wilderness a pool of water,
And the dry land springs of water.
- 19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar,
The shittah-tree, and the myrtle, and the oil-tree;
I will set in the desert the fir-tree,
And the pine, and the box-tree together.
- 20 That they may see, and know,

- And consider, and understand together,
That the hand of the LORD hath done this,
And the Holy One of Israel hath created it.
- 21 PRODUCE your cause, saith the LORD;
Bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob.
- 22 Let them bring *them* forth, and show us what shall happen:
Let them show the former things, what they *be*,
That we may consider them, and know the latter end of them;
Or declare us things for to come.
- 23 Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye *are* gods:
Yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be dismayed, and behold *it* together.
- 24 Behold, ye *are* of nothing, and your work of nought:
An abomination *is he* that chooseth you.
- 25 I have raised up *one* from the north, and he shall come:
From the rising of the sun shall he call upon my name:
And he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter treadeth clay.
- 26 Who hath declared from the beginning, that we may know?
And beforetime, that we may say, *He* is righteous?
Yea, *there is* none that sheweth,
Yea, *there is* none that declareth,
Yea, *there is* none that heareth your words.
- 27 The first *shall say* to Zion, Behold, behold them:
And I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good tidings.
- 28 For I beheld, and *there was* no man,
Even among them, and *there was* no counsellor,
That, when I asked of them, could answer a word.
- 29 Behold, they *are* all vanity; their works are nothing:
Their molten images *are* wind and confusion.
- 42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold: mine elect, in *whom* my soul delighteth;
I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles.
- 2 He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street.
- 3 A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench:
He shall bring forth judgment unto truth.
- 4 He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth:
And the isles shall wait for his law.
- 5 Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out;
He that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it;
He that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein:
- 6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness,
And will hold thine hand, and will keep thee,
And give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;
- 7 To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison,
And them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house.
- 8 I *am* the LORD: that is my name:
And my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.
- 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass,
And new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them.
- 10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth,
Ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein; the isles, and the inhabitants thereof.
- 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*,
The villages that Kedar doth inhabit:
Let the inhabitants of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains.
- 12 Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise in the islands.
- 13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man,
He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war:
He shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.
- 14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself:
Now will I cry like a travailing woman; I will destroy and devour at once.
- 15 I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs;
And I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools.
- 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not;
I will lead them in paths that they have not known:
I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.
These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.
- 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed,
That trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye *are* our gods.
- 18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see.
- 19 Who *is* blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent?
Who *is* blind as *he that is* perfect, and blind as the LORD'S servant?
- 20 Seeing many things, but thou observest not;
Opening the ears, but he heareth not.
- 21 The LORD is well pleased for his righteousness' sake;
He will magnify the law, and make it honorable.
- 22 But this *is* a people robbed and spoiled;

- They are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison-houses:
They are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.*
- 23 *Who among you will give ear to this?
Who will hearken, and hear for the time to come?*
- 24 *Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers?
Did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned?
For they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law.*
- 25 *Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle:
And it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not;
And it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.*
- 43 *BUT now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob,
And he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not; for I have redeemed thee,
I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.*
- 2 *When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee:
When thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned;
Neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.*
- 3 *For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Savior:
I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.*
- 4 *Since thou wast precious in my sight,
Thou hast been honorable, and I have loved thee:
Therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.*
- 5 *Fear not; for I am with thee:
I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;*
- 6 *I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back:
Bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;*
- 7 *Even every one that is called by my name:
For I have created him for my glory,
I have formed him; yea, I have made him.*
- 8 *Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.*
- 9 *Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled:
Who among them can declare this, and show us former things?
Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified:
Or let them hear, and say, It is truth.*
- 10 *Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen:
That ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he:
Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.*
- 11 *I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no Savior.*
- 12 *I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed,
When there was no strange god among you:
Therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God.*
- 13 *Yea, before the day was, I am he;
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand:
I will work, and who shall let it?*
- 14 *Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel;
For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles,
And the Chaldeans, whose cry is in the ships.*
- 15 *I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.*
- 16 *Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters;*
- 17 *Which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army, and the power;
They shall lie down together, they shall not rise:
They are extinct, they are quenched as tow.*
- 18 *Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old.*
- 19 *Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it?
I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.*
- 20 *The beast of the field shall honor me, the dragons and the owls:
Because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert,
To give drink to my people, my chosen.*
- 21 *This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise.*
- 22 *But thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob;
But thou hast been weary of me, O Israel.*
- 23 *Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt-offerings;
Neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices.
I have not caused thee to serve with an offering,
Nor wearied thee with incense.*
- 24 *Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money,
Neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices:
But thou hast made me to serve with thy sins,
Thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.*
- 25 *I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions
For mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.*
- 26 *Put me in remembrance: let us plead together:
Declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.*
- 27 *Thy first father hath sinned, and thy teachers have transgressed against me.*

- 28 Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary,
And have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.
- 44 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant ;
And Israel, whom I have chosen.
- 2 Thus saith the LORD that made thee,
And formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee ;
Fear not, O Jacob, my servant ; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.
- 3 For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground :
I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring :
- 4 And they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses.
- 5 One shall say, I *am* the LORD'S ;
And another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob ;
And another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD,
And surname *himself* by the name of Israel.
- 6 Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts ;
I *am* the first, and I *am* the last ; and beside me *there is* no God.
- 7 And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it,
And set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people ?
And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show unto them.
- 8 Fear ye not, neither be afraid :
Have not I told thee from that time, and have declared it ?
Ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me ?
Yea, *there is* no God ; I know not *any*.
- 9 They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity ;
And their delectable things shall not profit ;
And they *are* their own witnesses ;
They see not, nor know ; that they may be ashamed.
- 10 Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that is* profitable for nothing ?
- 11 Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed :
And the workmen, they *are* of men :
Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up ;
Yet they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.
- 12 The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals,
And fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms :
Yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth :
He drinketh no water, and is faint.
- 13 The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule ; he marketh it out with a line ;
He fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass,
And maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man ;
That it may remain in the house.
- 14 He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak,
Which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest :
He planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish it.
- 15 Then shall it be for a man to burn :
For he will take thereof, and warm himself ;
Yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread ;
Yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it ;
- He maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.
- 16 He burneth part thereof in the fire ;
With part thereof he eateth flesh ;
He roasteth roast, and is satisfied :
Yea, he warmeth *himself*, and saith,
'Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire :'
- 17 And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image :
He falleth down unto it, and worshippeth it, and prayeth unto it,
And saith, Deliver me ; for thou *art* my god.
- 18 They have not known nor understood :
For he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see ;
And their hearts, that they cannot understand.
- 19 And none considereth in his heart,
Neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say,
I have burned part of it in the fire ;
Yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof ;
I have roasted flesh, and eaten it :
And shall I make the residue thereof an abomination ?
Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree ?
- 20 He feedeth on ashes : a deceived heart hath turned him aside,
That he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand ?
- 21 REMEMBER these, O Jacob and Israel ;
For thou *art* my servant : I have formed thee ;
Thou *art* my servant : O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.
- 22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions,
And, as a cloud, thy sins : return unto me ; for I have redeemed thee.
- 23 Sing, O ye heavens ; for the LORD hath done it : shout, ye lower parts of the earth :

- Break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein :
 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.
- 24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer,
 And he that formed thee from the womb,
I am the LORD that maketh all things ;
 That stretcheth forth the heavens alone ; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself ;
- 25 That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad ;
 That turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish ;
- 26 That confirmeth the word of his servant,
 And performeth the counsel of his messengers ;
 That saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited ;
 And to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built ;
 And I will raise up the decayed places thereof :
- 27 That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers :
- 28 That saith of Cyrus, *He is my Shepherd,*
 And shall perform all my pleasure :
 Even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built ;
 And to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.
- 45 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 Whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him ;
 And I will loose the loins of kings,
 To open before him the two-leaved gates ; and the gates shall not be shut ;
- 2 I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight :
 I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron :
- 3 And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places,
 That thou mayest know that I, the LORD,
 Which call thee by thy name, *am the God of Israel.*
- 4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect,
 I have even called thee by thy name :
 I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.
- 5 *I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me :*
 I girded thee, though thou hast not known me :
- 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west,
 That *there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.*
- 7 I form the light, and create darkness : I make peace, and create evil :
 I the LORD do all these things.
- 8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness :
 Let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation,
 And let righteousness spring up together ; I the LORD have created it.
- 9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker !
 Let the potsherd strive with the potsherd of the earth.
 Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou ?
 Or thy work, He hath no hands ?
- 10 Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou ?
 Or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth ?
- 11 Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker,
 Ask me of things to come concerning my sons,
 And concerning the work of my hands command ye me.
- 12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it :
 I, *even my hands,* have stretched out the heavens,
 And all their host have I commanded.
- 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways :
 He shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives,
 Not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 14 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Egypt,
 And merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature,
 Shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine :
 They shall come after thee ; in chains they shall come over.
- And they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying,*
 Surely God is in thee : and *there is none else, there is no God.*
- 15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Savior.
- 16 They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them.
 They shall go to confusion together that are makers of idols.
- 17 But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation :
 Ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.
- 18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens ;
 God himself that formed the earth, and made it ;
 He hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited :
 I am the LORD ; and *there is none else.*
- 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth :
 I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain ;
 I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.
- 20 Assemble yourselves and come ;
 Draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations :

- They have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image,
 And pray unto a god that cannot save.
- 21 Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together:
 Who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time?
 Have not I the LORD: and *there is no God* else beside me;
 A just God and a Savior; *there is none* beside me.
- 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:
 For I *am* God, and *there is none* else.
- 23 I have sworn by Myself, the word is gone out of my mouth
In righteousness, and shall not return,
 That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.
- 24 Surely, shall *one* say, In the LORD have I righteousness and strength:
Even to him shall men come;
 And all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.
- 25 In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.
- 46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth,
 Their idols were upon the beasts, and upon the cattle:
 Your carriages *were* heavy loaden; *they are* a burden to the weary *beast*.
 2 They stoop, they bow down together;
 They could not deliver the burthen, but themselves are gone into captivity.
- 3 HEARKEN unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel,
 Which are borne *by me* from the belly, *which are* carried from the womb:
 4 And *even to your old age I am* he; and *even to hoar hairs will I carry you*;
 I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.
- 5 To whom will ye liken me, and make *me* equal,
 And compare me, that we may be like?
- 6 They lavish gold out of the bag,
 And weigh silver in the balance, *and hire* a goldsmith;
 And he maketh it a god: they fall down, yea, they worship.
- 7 They bear him upon the shoulder,
 They carry him, and set him in his place, and he standeth;
 From his place shall he not remove: yea, *one* shall cry unto him,
 Yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.
- 8 Remember this, and show yourselves men:
 Bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors.
- 9 Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is none* else;
 10 I *am* God, and *there is none* like me, *declaring* the end from the beginning,
 And from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done,
 Saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
- 11 Calling a ravenous bird from the east,
 The man that executeth my counsel from a far country:
 Yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass;
 I have purposed it, I will also do it.
- 12 Harken unto me, ye stout-hearted, that *are* far from righteousness:
 13 I bring near my righteousness:
 It shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry:
 And I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.
- 47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon,
 Sit on the ground: *there is no throne*, O daughter of the Chaldeans:
 For thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate.
 2 Take the mill-stones, and grind meal: uncover thy locks,
 Make bare the leg, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers.
 3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen:
 I will take vengeance, and I will not meet *thee* as a man.
- 4 *As for our redeemer*, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel.
 5 Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans.
 For thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms.
- 6 I was wroth with my people,
 I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand:
 Thou didst show them no mercy;
 Upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke.
- 7 And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever:
 So that thou didst not lay these *things* to thy heart,
 Neither didst remember the latter end of it.
- 8 Therefore hear now this, *thou that art* given to pleasures,
 That dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me;
 I shall not sit *as a* widow, neither shall I know the loss of children:
- 9 But these two *things* shall come to thee in a moment,
 In one day, the loss of children, and widowhood:
 They shall come upon thee in their perfection, for the multitude of thy sorceries,
 And for the great abundance of thine enchantments.
- 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me.
 Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee;
 And thou hast said in thine heart, I *am*, and none else beside me.

- 11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee ; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth :
And mischief shall fall upon thee ; thou shalt not be able to put it off :
And desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, *which* thou shalt not know.
- 12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries,
Wherein thou hast labored from thy youth :
If so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.
- 13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels.
Let now the astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators,
Stand up, and save thee from *these things* that shall come upon thee.
- 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble ; the fire shall burn them :
They shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame :
There shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.
- 15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast labored,
Even thy merchants, from thy youth :
They shall wander every one to his quarter ; none shall save thee.
- 48 HEAR ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel,
And are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of the LORD,
And make mention of the God of Israel, *but not in truth, nor in righteousness.*
- 2 For they call themselves of the holy city,
And stay themselves upon the God of Israel : the LORD of hosts *is* his name.
- 3 I have declared the former things from the beginning ;
And they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them ;
I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass.
- 4 Because I knew that thou *art* obstinate,
And thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass ;
- 5 I have even from the beginning declared it to thee ;
Before it came to pass, I showed *it* thee :
Lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them,
And my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them.
- 6 Thou hast heard, see all this ; and will not ye declare it ?
I have showed thee new things from this time,
Even hidden things, and thou didst not know them.
- 7 They are created now, and not from the beginning ;
Even before the day when thou heardest them not ;
Lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.
- 8 Yea, thou heardest not ; yea, thou knewest not ;
Yea, from that time *that* thine ear was not opened :
For I knew that thou wouldest deal very treacherously,
And wast called a transgressor from the womb.
- 9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger,
And for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off.
- 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not with silver ;
I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.
- 11 For mine own sake, *even* for mine own sake, will I do it :
For how should *my name* be polluted ?
And I will not give my glory unto another.
- 12 Harken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my Called ;
I *am* he ; I *am* the first, I also *am* the last.
- 13 Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth,
And my right hand hath spanned the heavens :
When I call unto them, they stand up together.
- 14 All ye, assemble yourselves, and hear ;
Which among them hath declared *these things* ?
The LORD hath loved him : he will do his pleasure on Babylon,
And his arm *shall be on* the Chaldeans.
- 15 I, *even* I, have spoken ; yea, I have called him :
I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous.
- 16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this ;
I have not spoken in secret from the beginning ;
From the time that it was, there *am* I :
And now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.
- 17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel ;
I *am* the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit,
Which leadeth thee by the way *that* thou shouldest go.
- 18 O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments !
Then had thy peace been as a river,
And thy righteousness as the waves of the sea ;
Thy seed also had been as the sand.
- 19 And the offspring of thy bowels like the gravel thereof ;
His name should not have been cut off nor destroyed from before me.
- 20 Go ye forth of Babylon, see ye from the Chaldeans, with a voice of singing
Declare ye, tell this, utter it *even* to the end of the earth ;
Say ye, The LORD hath redeemed his servant Jacob.
- 21 And they thirsted not *when* he led them through the deserts :

- He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them :
 He clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out.
 22 *There is no peace,* saith the LORD, *unto the wicked.*
 49 LISTEN, O isles, unto me ; and hearken, ye people, from far ;
 The LORD hath called me from the womb ;
 From the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name.
 2 And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword ;
 In the shadow of his hand hath he hid me,
 And made me a polished shaft ; in his quiver hath he hid me ;
 3 And said unto me, *Thou art my servant,*
 O Israel, in whom I will be glorified.
 4 Then I said, I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain :
 Yet surely my judgment is with the LORD, and my work with my God.
 5 And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb
 To be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him,
 Though Israel be not gathered,
 Yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD,
 And my God shall be my strength.
 6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldst be my servant,
 To raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel :
 I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles,
 That thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.
 7 Thus saith the LORD, the redeemer of Israel,
 And his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth,
 To him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers,
 Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship,
 Because of the LORD that is faithful,
 And the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee.
 8 Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee,
 And in a day of salvation have I helped thee :
 And I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people,
 To establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages ;
 9 That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth ;
 To them that are in darkness, Show yourselves.
 They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures *shall be* in all high places.
 10 They shall not hunger nor thirst :
 Neither shall the heat nor sun smite them :
 For he that hath mercy on them shall lead them,
 Even by the springs of water shall he guide them.
 11 And I will make all my mountains a way,
 And my high-ways shall be exalted.
 12 Behold, these shall come from far :
 And, lo, these from the north and from the west ; and these from the land of Sinim
 13 Sing, O Heavens ; and be joyful, O Earth ;
 And break forth into singing, O mountains :
 For the LORD hath comforted his people,
 And will have mercy upon his afflicted.
 14 But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.
 15 Can a woman forget her sucking child,
 That she should not have compassion on the son of her womb ?
 Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee.
 6 Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands ;
 Thy walls are continually before me.
 17 Thy children shall make haste ; thy destroyers
 And they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee.
 18 Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold :
 All these gather themselves together, and come to thee.
 As I live, saith the LORD.
 Thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all, as with an ornament,
 And bind them on thee, as a bride doeth.
 19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction,
 Shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants,
 And they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.
 20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other,
 Shall say again in thine ears, The place is too strait for me :
 Give place to me that I may dwell.
 21 Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath begotten me these,
 Seeing I have lost my children, and am desolate, a captive,
 And removing to and fro ? and who hath brought up these ?
 Behold, I was left alone ; these, where had they been ?
 22 Thus saith the Lord GOD,
 Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles,
 And set up my standard to the people :

- And they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms.
 And thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.
 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers,
 And their queens thy nursing mothers :
 They shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth,
 And lick up the dust of thy feet :
 And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD :
 For they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.
- 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered ?
 25 But thus saith the LORD.
 Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away,
 And the prey of the terrible shall be delivered :
 For I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.
- 26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh ;
 And they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine :
 And all flesh shall know that I the LORD *am* thy Savior
 And thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.
- 50 Thus saith the LORD,
 Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away ?
 Or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you ?
 Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves,
 And for your transgressions is your mother put away.
- 2 Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man ?
 When I called, *was there* none to answer ?
 Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem ? or have I no power to deliver ?
 Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness :
 Their fish stinketh, because *there* is no water, and dieth for thirst.
- 3 I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.
 4 The LORD God hath given me the tongue of the learned,
 That I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that* is weary :
 He wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.
- 5 The LORD God hath opened mine ear,
 And I was not rebellious, neither turned away back.
 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair :
 I hid not my face from shame and spitting.
- 7 For the LORD GOD will help me ; therefore shall I not be confounded :
 Therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed.
 8 *He* is near that justifieth me ; who will contend with me ?
 Let us stand together : who is mine adversary ? let him come near to me.
- 9 Behold, the Lord GOD will help me ; who is he *that* shall condemn me ?
 Lo, they all shall wax old as a garment ; the moth shall eat them up.
- 10 Who is among you that feareth the LORD,
 That obeyeth the voice of his servant,
 That walketh in darkness, and hath no light ?
 Let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God.
- 11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass *yourselves* about with sparks :
 Walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *that* ye have kindled.
 This shall ye have of mine hand ; ye shall lie down in sorrow.
- 51 HEARKEN to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD :
 Look unto the rock, *whence* ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit *whence* ye are digged.
 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *that* bare you :
 For I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.
- 3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion : he will comfort all her waste places ;
 And he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD ;
 Joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.
- 4 Hearken unto me, my people ; and give ear unto me, O my nation :
 For a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the
 people.
- 5 My righteousness is near ; my salvation is gone forth,
 And mine arm shall judge the people ;
 The isles shall wait upon me, and on mine arm shall they trust.
- 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath :
 For the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a
 garment,
 And they that dwell therein shall die in like manner :
 But my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.
- 7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness,
 The people in whose heart is my law ;
 Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings.
- 8 For the moth shall eat them up like a garment,
 And the worm shall eat them like wool :
 But my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation.
- 9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD ;
 Awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.
 Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon ?

- 10 *Art* thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep ;
That hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over ?
- 11 Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion ;
And everlasting joy *shall* be upon their head :
They shall obtain gladness and joy ; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away.
- 12 I, *even* I, *am* he that comforteth you :
Who *art* thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man *that* shall die,
And of the son of man *which* shall be made as grass ;
- 13 And forgettest the LORD thy maker,
That hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth ;
And hast feared continually every day, because of the fury of the oppressor,
As if he were ready to destroy ? and where is the fury of the oppressor ?
- 14 The captive exile hasteneth that he may be loosed,
And that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail.
- 15 But I *am* the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared :
The LORD of hosts is his name.
- 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth,
And have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand,
That I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth,
And say unto Zion, Thou *art* my people.
- 17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem,
Which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury ;
Thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, *and* wrung them out.
- 18 *There* is none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she hath brought forth ;
Neither *is there any* that taketh her by the hand of all the sons *that* she hath brought up.
- 19 These two *things* are come unto thee ; who shall be sorry for thee ?
Desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword : by whom shall I comfort thee ?
- 20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie
At the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net :
They are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God.
- 21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted,
And drunken, but not with wine :
- 22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD,
And thy God *that* pleadeth the cause of his people,
Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling,
Even the dregs of the cup of my fury ; thou shalt no more drink it again :
- 23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee ;
Which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over :
And thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.
- 52 AWAKE, awake ; put on thy strength, O Zion ;
Put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city :
For henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.
- 2 Shake thyself from the dust ; arise, *and* sit down, O Jerusalem :
Loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.
- 3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought ;
And ye shall be redeemed without money.
- 4 For thus saith the Lord GOD,
My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there :
And the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.
- 5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD,
That my people is taken away for nought ?
They that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD ;
And my name continually every day is blasphemed.
- 6 Therefore my people shall know my name :
Therefore *they shall know* in that day
That I *am* he that doth speak : behold, it is I.
- 7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
That publisheth peace ;
That bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation ;
That saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth !
- 8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice ;
With the voice together shall they sing :
For they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.
- 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem :
For the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.
- 10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations :
And all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.
- 11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence,
Touch no unclean *thing* ; go ye out of the midst of her ;
Be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.
- 12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight :
For the LORD will go before you ; and the God of Israel *will be* your rereward
- 13 BEHOLD, my servant shall deal prudently,
Ye shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.
- 14 As many were astonished at thee ;

- His visage was so marred more than any man,
 And his form more than the sons of men:
 So shall he sprinkle many nations:
 The kings shall shut their mouths at him:
 For *that* which had not been told them shall they see;
 And *that* which they had not heard shall they consider.
- Who hath believed our report?
 And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?
 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant,
 And as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness;
 And when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.
- He is despised and rejected of men;
 A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
 And we hid as it were *our* faces from him;
 He was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows:
 Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.
- But he *was* wounded for our transgressions,
 He *was* bruised for our iniquities:
 The chastisement of our peace *was* upon him;
 And with his stripes we are healed.
- All we, like sheep, have gone astray;
 We have turned every one to his own way;
 And the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth:
 He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter,
 And as a sheep before her shearers is dumb,
 So he openeth not his mouth.
- He was taken from prison and from judgment:
 And who shall declare his generation?
 For he was cut off out of the land of the living:
 For the transgression of my people was he stricken.
- And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death;
 Because he had done no violence, neither *was* any deceit in his mouth.
- Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief:
 When thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin,
 He shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days,
 And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied:
 By his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.
- Therefore will I divide him a *portion* with the great,
 And he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
 Because he hath poured out his soul unto death:
 And he was numbered with the transgressors;
 And he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
- SING, O barren, thou *that* didst not bear:
 Break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou *that* didst not travail with child:
 For more *are* the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD.
- Enlarge the place of thy tent,
 And let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations:
 Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes;
 For thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left;
 And thy seed shall inherit the Gentiles,
 And make the desolate cities to be inhabited.
- Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed:
 Neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame:
 For thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth,
 And shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.
- For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name;
 And thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel;
 The God of the whole earth shall he be called.
- For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit,
 And a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.
- For a small moment have I forsaken thee;
 But with great mercies will I gather thee.
- In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment;
 But with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee,
 Saith the LORD thy Redeemer.
- For this *is* as the waters of Noah unto me:
 For as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth;
 So have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.
- For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed;
 But my kindness shall not depart from thee,

- Neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed,
 Saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.
- 11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, *and* not comforted !
 Behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors,
 And lay thy foundations with sapphires.
- 12 And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles,
 And all thy borders of pleasant stones.
- 13 And all thy children *shall* be taught of the LORD ;
 And great *shall* be the peace of thy children.
- 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established :
 Thou shalt be far from oppression ; for thou shalt not fear :
 And from terror ; for it shall not come near thee.
- 15 Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by me :
 Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake.
- 16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire,
 And that bringeth forth an instrument for his work ;
 And I have created the waster to destroy.
- 17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper ;
 And every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn.
 This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD,
 And their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.
- 55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,
 And he that hath no money ; come ye, buy, and eat ;
 Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for *that which* is not bread ?
 And your labor for *that which* satisfieth not ?
 Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye *that which* is good,
 And let your soul delight itself in fatness.
- 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me : hear, and your soul shall live ;
 And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of DAVID.
- 4 Behold, I have given Him *for* a witness to the people,
 A leader and commander to the people.
- 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not,
 And nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God,
 And for the Holy One of Israel ; for he hath glorified thee.
- 6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found,
 Call ye upon him while he is near :
- 7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts :
 And let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him ;
 And to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts *are* not your thoughts,
 Neither *are* your ways my ways, saith the LORD.
- 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
 So are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither,
 But watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud,
 That it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater :
- 11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth :
 It shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please,
 And it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.
- 12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace :
 The mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing,
 And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands.
- 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree,
 And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree,
 And it shall be to the LORD for a name,
 For an everlasting sign, *that* shall not be cut off.
- 56 Thus saith the LORD, Keep ye judgment, and do justice :
 For my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed.
- 2 Blessed is the man *that* doeth this, and the son of man *that* layeth hold on it ;
 That keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing *any evil*.
- 3 Neither let the son of the stranger,
 That hath joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying,
 The LORD hath utterly separated me from his people :
 Neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I *am* a dry tree.
- 4 For thus saith the LORD unto the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths,
 And choose *the things* that please me, and take hold of my covenant ;
- 5 Even unto them will I give in mine house, and within my walls,
 A place and a name better than of sons and of daughters :
 I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.
- 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the LORD,
 To serve him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be his servants,
 Every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it,
 And taketh hold of my covenant.
- 7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain,

- And make them joyful in my house of prayer :
 Their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices *shall be accepted upon mine altar ;*
 For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.
- 8 The LORD God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith,
 Yet will I gather *others to him, beside those that are gathered unto him.*
- 6 *ALL ye beasts of the field, come to devour,*
Yea, all ye beasts in the forest.
- 10 His watchmen *are blind : they are all ignorant ;*
They are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark ;
Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber,
- 11 *Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough,*
And they are shepherds that cannot understand :
 They all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter.
- 12 Come ye, *say they,* I will fetch wine,
 And we will fill ourselves with strong drink ;
 And to-morrow shall be as this day, *and much more abundant.*
- 57 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart :
 And merciful men *are taken away, none considering*
That the righteous is taken away from the evil to come.
- 2 He shall enter into peace : they shall rest in their beds,
Each one walking in his uprightness.
- 3 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress,
 The seed of the adulterer and the whore.
- 4 Against whom do ye sport yourselves ?
 Against whom make ye a wide mouth, *and draw out the tongue ?*
Are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood,
Inflaming yourselves with idols under every green tree,
Slaying the children in the valleys under the cliffs of the rocks ?
- 6 Among the smooth stones of the stream is thy portion ;
 They, they are thy lot : even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering,
 Thou hast offered a meat-offering. Should I receive comfort in these ?
- 7 Upon a lofty and high mountain hast thou set thy bed :
Even thither wentest thou up to offer sacrifice.
- 8 Behind the doors also and the posts hast thou set up thy remembrance :
 For thou hast discovered *thyself to another than me, and art gone up ;*
 Thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them ;
 Thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it.
- 9 And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes,
 And didst send thy messengers far off, and didst debase *thyself even unto hell.*
- 10 Thou art wearied in the greatness of thy way ;
Yet saidst thou not, There is no hope :
 Thou hast found the life of thine hand : therefore thou wast not grieved.
- 11 And of whom hast thou been afraid or feared,
 That thou hast lied, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart ?
 Have not I held my peace even of old, and thou fearest me not ?
- 12 I will declare thy righteousness, and thy works ;
 For they shall not profit thee.
- 13 When thou criest, let thy companies deliver thee ;
 But the wind shall carry them all away : vanity shall take them :
 But he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land,
 And shall inherit my holy mountain ;
- 14 And shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way,
 Take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people.
- 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy ;
 I dwell in the high and holy place,
 With him also *that is of a contrite and humble spirit.*
 To revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
- 16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth :
 For the spirit should fail before me, and the souls *which I have made.*
- 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him :
 I hid me, and was wroth, and he went on forwardly in the way of his heart.
- 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him :
 I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners.
- 19 I create the fruit of the lips ; Peace, peace to him *that is far off,*
 And to him *that is near,* saith the LORD ; and I will heal him.
- 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest,
 Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.
- 21 *There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.*
- 58 CRY aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet,
 And show my people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins.
- 2 Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways,
 As a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God :
 They ask of me the ordinances of justice ; they take delight in approaching to God.
- 3 Wherefore have we fasted, *say they,* and thou seest not ?

Wherefore have we afflicted our soul, and thou takest no knowledge?

Behold, in the day of your fast ye find pleasure, and exact all your labors.

4 *Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness:*

Ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.

5 *Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul?*

Is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the LORD?

6 *Is not this the fast that I have chosen?*

To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens,

And to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

7 *Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry,*

And that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house?

When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him;

And that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?

8 *Then shall thy light break forth as the morning,*

And thine health shall spring forth speedily;

And thy righteousness shall go before thee;

The glory of the LORD shall be thy rereward.

9 *Then shalt thou call, and the LORD shall answer;*

Thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am.

If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke,

The putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity;

10 *And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul;*

Then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon-day:

11 *And the LORD shall guide thee continually,*

And satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones:

And thou shalt be like a watered garden,

And like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

12 *And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places:*

Thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations;

And thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in

13 *If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath,*

From doing thy pleasure on my holy day;

And call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable;

And shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways,

Nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

14 *Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD;*

And I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth,

And feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father:

For the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

59 *Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save,*

Neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear:

2 *But your iniquities have separated between you and your God,*

And your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

3 *For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity;*

Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue hath muttered perverseness.

4 *None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth:*

They trust in vanity, and speak lies;

They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity,

5 *They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web:*

He that eateth of their eggs dieth,

And that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper.

6 *Their webs shall not become garments,*

Neither shall they cover themselves with their works:

Their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands.

7 *Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood:*

Their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity: wasting and destruction are in their paths.

8 *The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings:*

They have made them crooked paths: whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace.

9 *Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us:*

We wait for light, but behold obscurity;

For brightness, but we walk in darkness.

10 *We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes:*

We stumble at noon-day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.

11 *We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves:*

We look for judgment, but there is none;

For salvation, but it is far off from us.

12 *For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us:*

For our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them;

13 *In transgressing and lying against the LORD,*

And departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt,

Conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.

14 *And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off:*

For truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter.

- 15 Yea, truth faileth; and he *that* departeth from evil maketh himself a prey:
And the LORD saw it, and it displeased him that *there was* no judgment.
- 16 And he saw that *there was* no man,
And wondered that *there was* no intercessor:
Therefore his arm brought salvation unto him;
And his righteousness, it sustained him.
- 17 For he put on righteousness as a breast plate,
And an helmet of salvation upon his head;
And he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing,
And was clad with zeal as a cloak.
- 18 According to *their* deeds, accordingly he will repay,
Fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies;
To the islands he will repay recompense.
- 19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west,
And his glory from the rising of the sun.
When the enemy shall come in like a flood,
The Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him,
- 20 And the Redeemer shall come to Zion,
And unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.
- 21 As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD;
My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth,
Shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed,
Nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever.
- 60 Arise, shine: for thy light is come,
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee.
- 2 For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And gross darkness the people:
But the LORD shall arise upon thee,
And his glory shall be seen upon thee.
- 3 And the Gentiles shall come to thy light,
And kings to the brightness of thy rising.
- 4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see:
All they gather themselves together, they come to thee:
Thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at thy side.
- 5 Then thou shalt see, and flow together,
And thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged;
Because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee,
The forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.
- 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah;
All they from Sheba shall come: they shall bring gold and incense;
And they shall show forth the praises of the LORD.
- 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee,
The rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee:
They shall come up with acceptance on mine altar,
And I will glorify the house of my glory.
- 8 Who *are* these *that* fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?
- 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons
from far,
Their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God,
And to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.
- 10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls,
And their kings shall minister unto thee:
- For in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee.
- 11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually;
They shall not be shut day nor night:
That *men* may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles,
And that *their* kings *may* be brought.
- 12 For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish;
Yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.
- 13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee,
The fir-tree, the pine-tree, and the box together,
To beautify the place of my sanctuary;
And I will make the place of my feet glorious.
- 14 The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee;
And all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet;
And they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
- 15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated,
So that no man went through thee,
I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations.
- 16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles,
And shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD
Am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob.
- 17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver,
And for wood brass, and for stones iron:
I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness.

- 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land,
Wasting nor destruction within thy borders;
But thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.
- 19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day;
Neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee:
But the LORD shall be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.
- 20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself:
For the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.
- 21 Thy people also shall be all righteous: they shall inherit the land for ever,
The branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified.
- 22 A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation:
I the LORD will hasten it in his time.
- 61 The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me;
Because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;
He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted,
To proclaim liberty to the captives,
And the opening of the prison to them that are bound;
2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
And the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;
3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes,
The oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness;
That they might be called trees of righteousness,
The planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.
- 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations,
And they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.
- 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks,
And the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen, and your vine-dressers.
- 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD:
Men shall call you the Ministers of our God:
Ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles,
And in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
- 7 For your shame ye shall have double;
And for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion;
Therefore in their land they shall possess the double:
Everlasting joy shall be unto them.
- 8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt-offering;
And I will direct their work in truth,
And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 9 And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles,
And their offspring among the people:
All that see them shall acknowledge them,
That they are the seed which the LORD hath blessed.
- 10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God;
For he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation,
He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness,
As a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments,
And as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.
- 11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud,
And as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth;
So the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.
- 62 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace,
And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
Until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness,
And the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth.
- 2 And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory:
And thou shalt be called by a new name,
Which the mouth of the LORD shall name.
- 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD,
And a royal diadem in the hand of thy God.
- 4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken;
Neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate:
But thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah:
For the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married.
- 5 For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee:
And as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.
- 6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem,
Which shall never hold their peace day nor night:
Ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence,
7 And give him no rest till he establish,
And till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.
- 8 The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength,
Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies;
And the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored:
- 9 But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD;
And they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness.

- 10 Go through, go through the gates ; prepare ye the way of the people ;
Cast up, cast up the high-way ; gather out the stones ; lift up a standard for the people.
- 11 Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world,
Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy Salvation cometh ;
Behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him.
- 12 And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD :
And thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.
- 63 WHO is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah ?
This *that* is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength ?
‘ I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save.’
- 2 Wherefore *art thou* red in thine apparel,
And thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine-fat ?
- 3 ‘ I have trodden the wine-press alone ; and of the people *there was* none with me :
For I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury ;
And their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment.
- 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart,
And the year of my redeemed is come.
- 5 And I looked, and *there was* none to help ;
And I wondered that *that there was* none to uphold :
Therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me ; and my fury, it upheld me.
- 6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury,
And I will bring down their strength to the earth.’
- I WILL mention the loving-kindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD,
According to all that the LORD hath bestowed on us,
And the great goodness toward the house of Israel,
Which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies,
And according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.
- 8 For he said, Surely they *are* my people,
Children *that* will not lie : so he was their Savior.
- 9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them :
In his love and in his pity he redeemed them ;
And he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.
- 10 But they rebelled, and vexed his holy spirit :
Therefore he was turned to be their enemy, *and* he fought against them.
- 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, *and* his people, *saying*,
Where *is* he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of his flock ?
Where *is* he that put his holy Spirit within him ?
- 12 That led *them* by the right hand of Moses with his glorious arm,
Dividing the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name ?
- 13 That led them through the deep, as an horse in the wilderness,
That they should not stumble ?
- 14 As a beast goeth down into the valley,
The Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest :
So didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.
- 15 Look down from heaven, and behold,
From the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory :
Where *is* thy zeal and thy strength,
The sounding of thy bowels and of thy mercies toward me ? are they restrained ?
- 16 Doubtless thou *art* our father, though Abraham be ignorant of us,
And Israel acknowledge us not :
Thou, O LORD, *art* our father, our redeemer ; thy name *is* from everlasting.
- 17 O LORD, why hast thou made us to err from thy ways,
And hardened our heart from thy fear ?
Return for thy servants’ sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.
- 18 The people of thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while :
Our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary.
- 19 We are *thine* : thou never barest rule over them ;
They were not called by thy name.
- 64 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down,
That the mountains might flow down at thy presence.
- 2 As *when* the melting fire burneth, the fire causeth the waters to boil,
To make thy name known to thine adversaries, *that* the nations may tremble at thy presence !
- 3 When thou didst terrible things *which* we looked not for,
Thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence.
- 4 For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor perceived by the ear,
Neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee,
What he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him.
- 5 Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness,
Those *that* remember thee in thy ways :
Behold, thou art wroth ; for we have sinned :
In those is continuance, and we shall be saved.
- 6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags ;
And we all do fade as a leaf ; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.
- 7 And *there is* none that calleth upon thy name,

- That stirreth up himself to take hold of thee:
 For thou hast hid thy face from us,
 And hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.
- 8 But now, O LORD, thou *art* our father;
 We *are* the clay, and thou our potter; and we *all are* the work of thy hand.
- 9 Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever:
 Behold, see, we beseech thee, we *are* all thy people.
- 10 Thy holy cities are a wilderness, Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation.
- 11 Our Holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee,
 Is burned up with fire: and all our pleasant things are laid waste.
- 12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these *things*, O LORD?
 Wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?
- 65 I AM sought of *them* that asked not for me;
 I am found of *them* that sought me not:
 I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation *that* was not called by my name.
- 2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people,
 Which walketh in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts;
 3 A people that provoketh me to anger continually to my face;
 That sacrificeth in gardens, and burneth incense upon altars of brick;
 4 Which remain among the graves, and lodge in the monuments,
 Which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable *things* is in their vessels;
 5 Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou.
 These *are* a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.
- 6 Behold, *it* is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense,
 7 Even recompense into their bosom, ' your iniquities,
 And the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD,
 Which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills.
 Therefore will I measure their former work into their bosom.
- 8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster,
 And *one* saith, Destroy it not; for a blessing *is* in it:
 So will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them all.
- 9 And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob,
 And out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains;
 And mine elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there.
- 10 And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks,
 And the valley of Achor a place for the herds to lie down in,
 For my people that have sought me.
- 11 But ye *are* they that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain,
 That prepare a table for that troop, and that furnish the drink-offering unto that number.
- 12 Therefore will I number you to the sword,
 And ye shall all bow down to the slaughter:
 Because when I called, ye did not answer;
 When I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes,
 And did choose *that* wherein I delighted not.
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD,
 Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry:
 Behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty:
 Behold, my servant's shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed:
 14 Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart,
 But ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl for vexation of spirit.
- 15 And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen:
 For the Lord GOD shall slay thee, and call his servants by another name:
 16 That he who blesseth himself in the earth
 Shall bless himself in the God of truth;
 And he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth;
 Because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.
- 17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth:
 And the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.
- 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever *in that* which I create:
 For, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.
- 19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people:
 And the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.
- 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days,
 Nor an old man that hath not filled his days:
 For the child shall die an hundred years old;
 But the sinner, *being* an hundred years old, shall be accursed.
- 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit *them*;
 And they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.
- 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit;
 They shall not plant, and another eat:
 For as the days of a tree *are* the days of my people,
 And mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble;
 For they *are* the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

- 24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer;
And while they are yet speaking, I will hear.
- 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
And the lion shall eat straw like the bullock:
And dust *shall be* the serpent's meat.
- They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.
- 66 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven *is* my throne, and the earth *is* my footstool:
Where *is* the house that ye build unto me? and where *is* the place of my rest?
- 2 For all those *things* hath mine hand made,
And all those *things* have been, saith the LORD:
But to this *man* will I look, *even to him that is poor*
And of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.
- 3 He that killeth an ox *is as if* he slew a man;
He that sacrificeth a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck;
He that offereth an oblation, *as if* he offered swine's blood;
He that burneth incense, *as if* he blessed an idol.
- Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations.
- 4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them;
Because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear:
But they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not.
- 5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word;
Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake,
Said, 'Let the LORD be glorified:'
But he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.
- 6 A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple,
A voice of the LORD that rendereth recompense to his enemies.
- 7 Before she travailed, she brought forth;
Before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child.
- 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things?
Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day?
Or shall a nation be born at once?
- For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.
- 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD.
Shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God.
- 10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her:
Rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her:
- 11 That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations;
That ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory.
- 12 For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,
And the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream:
Then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees.
- 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you;
And ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem,
And when ye see *this*, your heart shall rejoice,
And your bones shall flourish like an herb:
And the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants,
And his indignation toward his enemies.
- 15 For, behold, the LORD will come with fire,
And with his chariots like a whirlwind,
To render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.
- 16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh:
And the slain of the LORD shall be many.
- 17 They that sanctify themselves, and purify themselves
In the gardens behind one *tree* in the midst,
Eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse,
Shall be consumed together, saith the LORD.
- 18 For I *know* their works and their thoughts:
IT shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues;
And they shall come, and see my glory.
- 19 And I will set a sign among them,
And I will send those that escape of them unto the nations,
To Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow,
To Tubal, and Javan, to the isles afar off,
That have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory;
And they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.
- 20 And they shall bring all your brethren *for an offering* unto the LORD
Out of all nations, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters,
And upon mules, and upon swift beasts,
To my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD,
As the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD.
- 21 And I will also take of them for priests *and* for Levites, saith the LORD.
- 22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make,
Shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.
- 23 And it shall come to pass,

That from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another,

Shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD.

24 *And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the men that have transgressed against me:*

For their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched;

And they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH.

1 **THE** WORDS OF JEREMIAH THE SON OF HILKIAH, OF THE
PRIESTS THAT *were* IN ANATHOTH IN THE LAND OF BENJAMIN,
2 to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the
son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign.
3 It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of
Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son
of Josiah king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem
captive in the fifth month.

4 **THEN** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee;
And before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee,
And I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

6 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I
7 *am* a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I *am* a child:
for thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I
8 command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid of their faces:
9 for I *am* with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. Then the
LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. And the
LORD said unto me,

10 Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth.
See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms,
To root out, and to pull down, and to destroy,
And to throw down, to build, and to plant.

11 **MOREOVER** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond-
12 tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for
I will hasten my word to perform it.

13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time,
saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething-pot; and
14 the face thereof *is* toward the north. Then the LORD said
unto me,

15 Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 'For, lo, I
will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD;
And they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates
of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities
of Judah.

16 And I will utter my judgments against them touching all their wickedness, who have for-
saken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their
own hands.

17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee
be not dismayed at their faces, lest I confound thee before them.

- 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a defended city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land.
- 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee.

2 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

- 2 Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD,
I remember thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals,
When thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land *that was not sown*.
- 3 Israel *was* holiness unto the LORD, *and* the first-fruits of his increase:
All that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD.
- 4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob,
And all the families of the house of Israel:
- 5 Thus saith the LORD,
What iniquity have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me,
And have walked after vanity, and are become vain?
- 6 Neither said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt,
That led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits,
Through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death,
Through a land that no man passed through, and where no man dwelt?
- 7 And I brought you into a plentiful country,
To eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof;
- 8 But when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.
The priests said not, Where *is* the LORD?
And they that handle the law knew me not:
The pastors also transgressed against me,
And the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after *things that do not profit*
- 9 Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD,
And with your children's children will I plead.
- 10 For pass over the isles of Chittim, and see;
And send unto Kedar, and consider diligently, and see if there be such a thing:
- 11 Hath a nation changed *their* gods, which are yet no gods?
But my people have changed their glory for *that which* doth not profit.
- 12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this,
And be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD.
- 13 For my people have committed two evils;
They have forsaken me the fountain of living waters,
And hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.
- 14 Is Israel a servant? *is* he a home-born slave? why is he spoiled?
- 15 The young lions roared upon him, *and* yelled,
And they made his land waste: his cities are burned without inhabitant.
- 16 Also the children of Neph and Tahapanes have broken the crown of thy head.
- 17 Hast thou not procured this unto thyself,
In that thou hast forsaken the Lord thy GOD, when he led thee by the way?
- 18 And now what hast thou to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sihor?
Or what hast thou to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river?
- 19 Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee:
Know therefore and see that *it is* an evil thing and bitter, that thou hast forsaken the
Lord thy GOD,
- 20 And that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts.
- 21 For of old time I have broken thy yoke, *and* burst thy bands;
And thou saidst, I will not transgress;
When upon every high hill and under every green tree thou wanderest, playing the harlot.
- 22 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed:
How then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me?
- 23 For though thou wash thee with nitre, and take thee much soap,
Yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the Lord GOD.
- 24 How canst thou say, I am not polluted, I have not gone after Baalim?
See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done:
Thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways;
- 25 A wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind at her pleasure;
In her occasion who can turn her away?
All they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her.
- 26 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst:
But thou saidst, 'There is no hope:
No: for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go.'
- 27 As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed;
They, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets,
- 28 Saying to a stock, 'Thou art my father;
And to a stone, 'Thou hast brought me forth:'
For they have turned *their* back unto me, and not *their* face:
But in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us.
- 29 But where *are* thy gods that thou hast made thee?

Let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble:
For according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

- 29 Wherefore will ye plead with me?
Ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD.
30 In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction:
Your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.
31 O generation, see ye the word of the LORD.
Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land of darkness?
Wherefore say my people, 'We are lords; we will come no more unto thee?'
32 Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire?
Yet my people have forgotten me days without number.
33 Why trimmest thou thy way to seek love?
Therefore hast thou also taught the wicked ones thy ways.
34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents:
I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.
35 Yet thou sayest, 'Because I am innocent, surely his anger shall turn from me.'
Behold, I will plead with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned.
36 Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way?
Thou also shalt be ashamed of Egypt, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria.
37 Yea, thou shalt go forth from him, and thine hands upon thine head:
For the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them.
3 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him,
And become another man's, shall he return unto her again?
Shall not that land be greatly polluted?
But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD.
2 Lift up thine eyes unto the high places, and see where thou hast not been lien with.
In the ways hast thou sat for them, as the Arabian in the wilderness;
And thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness.
3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain;
And thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.
4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me,
'My father, thou art the guide of my youth?'
5 Will he reserve his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end?'
Behold, thou hast spoken and done evil things as thou couldest.

6 THE LORD said also unto me in the days of Josiah the king,

- Hast thou seen *that* which backsliding Israel hath done?
She is gone up upon every high mountain
And under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.
7 And I said after she had done all these things,
'Turn thou unto me.' But she returned not.
And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.
8 And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery
I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce;
Yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.
9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land,
And committed adultery with stones and with stocks.
10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah
Hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the LORD.

11 AND the LORD said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath
12 justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim
these words toward the north, and say,

- Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD;
And I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you:
For I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever.
13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity,
That thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God,
And hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree,
And ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD.
14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you:
And I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:
15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart,
Which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.
16 And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land,
In those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the LORD:'
Neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it;
Neither shall they visit it; neither shall *that* be done any more.
17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD;
And all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem:
Neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.
18 In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel,

- And they shall come together out of the land of the north,
To the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers.
- 19 But I said, How shall I put thee among the children,
And give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations?
And I said, Thou shalt call me, 'My father'; and shalt not turn away from me.'
- 20 Surely, as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband,
So have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the LORD.
- 21 A voice was heard upon the high places,
Weeping and supplications of the children of Israel:
For they have perverted their way, and they have forgotten the LORD their God.
- 22 Return, ye backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.
'Behold, we come unto thee: for thou art the LORD our God.
- 23 Truly in vain is salvation hoped for from the hills,
And from the multitude of mountains:
Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.
- 24 For shame hath devoured the labor of our fathers from our youth;
Their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters.
- 15 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us:
For we have sinned against the LORD our God,
We and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day,
And have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.'
- 4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, return unto me:
And if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not remove.
- 2 And thou shalt swear, The LORD liveth,
In truth, in judgment, and in righteousness;
And the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.
- 3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem,
Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns.
- 4 Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart,
Ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire,
And burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings.
- 5 Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem;
And say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry, gather together,
And say, 'Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the defenced cities.'
- 6 Set up the standard toward Zion: retire, stay not:
For I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction.
- 7 The lion is come up from his thicket,
And the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way;
He is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate;
And thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant.
- 8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl:
For the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us.
- 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the LORD,
That the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes;
And the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder.
- 10 Then said I, 'Ah, Lord GOD!
Surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem,
Saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.'
- 11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem,
A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness
Toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse,
Even a full wind from those places shall come unto me:
Now also will I give sentence against them.
- 13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind:
His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.
- 14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved.
How long shall thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?
- 15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth affliction from mount Ephraim.
- 16 Make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem,
That watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of
Judah.
- 17 As keepers of a field, are they against her round about;
Because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the LORD.
- 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee;
This is thy wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reacheth unto thine heart.
- 19 My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart;
My heart maketh a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace,
Because thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war.
- 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled:
Suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment.
- 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet?
- 22 For my people is foolish, they have not known me;
They are sottish children, and they have none understanding:
They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

- 23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, *it was* without form and void ;
And the heavens, and they *had* no light.
- 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled,
And all the hills *moved* highly.
- 25 I beheld, and, lo, *there was* no man,
And all the birds of the heavens were fled.
- 26 I beheld, and, lo, the fruitful place *was* a wilderness;
And all the cities thereof were broken down
At the presence of the LORD, *and by his fierce anger.*
- 27 For thus hath the LORD said,
The whole land shall be desolate; yet will I not make a full end.
- 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black :
Because I have spoken *it*, I have purposed *it*,
And will not repent, neither will I turn back from it.
- 29 The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen ;
They shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks :
Every city *shall be* forsaken, and not a man dwell therein.
- 30 And *when thou art* spoiled, what wilt thou do ?
Though thou clothest thyself with crimson,
Though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold,
Though thou rentest thy face with painting,
In vain shalt thou make thyself fair ;
Thy lovers will despise thee, they will seek thy life.
- 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail,
And the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child,
The voice of the daughter of Zion, *that bewaileth herself,*
That spreadeth her hands, *saying,* ' Woe is me now !
For my soul is wearied because of murderers.'
- 5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem,
And see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof,
If ye can find a man, if there be *any* that executeth judgment,
That seeketh the truth; and I will pardon it.
- 2 And though they say, ' The LORD liveth ;' surely they swear falsely.
- 3 O LORD, *are* not thine eyes upon the truth ?
Thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved ;
Thou hast consumed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction :
They have made their faces harder than a rock ; they have refused to return.
- 4 Therefore I said, Surely these *are* poor ; they are foolish :
For they know not the way of the LORD, *nor* the judgment of their God.
- 5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them ;
For they have known the way of the LORD, *and* the judgment of their God :
But these have altogether broken the yoke, *and* burst the bonds.
- 6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them,
And a wolf of the evenings shall spoil them,
A leopard shall watch over their cities :
Every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces :
Because their transgressions are many, *and* their backslidings are increased.
- 7 How shall I pardon thee for this ?
Thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by *them that are* no gods :
When I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery,
And assembled themselves by troops in the harlots' houses.
- 8 They were *as* fed horses in the morning :
Every one neighed after his neighbor's wife.
- 9 Shall I not visit for these *things* ? saith the LORD :
And shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this ?
- 10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy ; but make not a full end :
Take away her battlements ; for they *are* not the LORD'S.
- 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah
Have dealt very treacherously against me, saith the LORD.
- 12 They have belied the LORD, and said, *It is* not he ;
Neither shall evil come upon us ; neither shall we see sword nor famine.
- 13 And the prophets shall become wind, and the word *is* not in them :
Thus shall it be done unto them.
- 14 Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word,
Behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire,
And this people wood, and it shall devour them.
- 15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far,
O house of Israel, saith the LORD :
It is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation,
A nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say.
- 16 Their quiver is an open sepulchre, they *are* all mighty men,
- 17 And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread,
Which thy sons and thy daughters should eat :
They shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds.

- They shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees :
 They shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword.
- 18 Nevertheless in those days, saith the LORD,
 I will not make a full end with you.
- 19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say,
 'Wherefore doeth the LORD our God all these *things* unto us?'
- Then shalt thou answer them,
 'Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land,
 So shall ye serve strangers in a land *that is not yours*.'
- 20 Declare this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,
 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding;
 Which have eyes, and see not : which have ears, and hear not :
- 22 Fear ye not me ? saith the LORD : will ye not tremble at my presence,
 Which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea by a perpetual decree, that it
 cannot pass it :
- And though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail ;
 Though they roar, yet can they not pass over it ?
- 23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart ; they are revolted and gone.
- 24 Neither say they in their heart,
 'Let us now fear the LORD our God, that giveth rain,
 Both the former and the latter, in his season :
 He reserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.'
- 25 Your iniquities have turned away these *things*,
 And your sins have witholden good *things* from you.
- 26 For among my people are found wicked men :
 They lay wait, as he that setteth snares : they set a trap, they catch men.
- 27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit :
 Therefore they are become great, and waxen rich.
- 28 They are waxen fat, they shine : yea, they overpass the deeds of the wicked :
 They judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper ;
 And the right of the needy do they not judge.
- 29 Shall I not visit for these *things* ? saith the LORD :
 Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this ?
- 30 A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land ;
- 31 The prophesies falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means ;
 And my people love to have it so : and what will ye do in the end thereof ?
- 6 O ye children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem,
 And blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and set up a sign of fire in Beth-haccerem :
 For evil appeareth out of the north, and great destruction.
- 2 I have likened the daughter of Zion to a comely and delicate woman.
- 3 The shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her ;
 They shall pitch *their* tents against her round about ;
 They shall feed every one in his place.
- 4 Prepare ye war against her ; arise, and let us go up at noon.
 Woe unto us ! for the day groweth away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out.
- 5 Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.
- 6 For thus hath the LORD of hosts said,
 Hew ye down trees, and cast a mount against Jerusalem :
 This is the city to be visited ; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her.
- 7 As a fountain casteth out her waters, so she casteth out her wickedness :
 Violence and spoil is heard in her ;
 Before me continually is grief and wounds.
- 8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul depart from thee ;
 Lest I make thee desolate, a land not inhabited.
- 9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
 They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine :
 Turn back thine hand as a grape-gatherer into the baskets.
- 10 To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear ?
 Behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken :
 Behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach : they have no delight in it.
- 11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD : I am weary with holding in :
 I will pour it out upon the children abroad.
 And upon the assembly of young men together :
- For even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him that is full of days*.
- 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, *with their fields* and wives together :
 For I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD.
- 13 For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them
 Every one is given to covetousness :
 And from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely,
- 14 They have healed also the hurt of the *daughter of my people* slightly,
 Saying, Peace, peace ; when *there is no peace*.
- 15 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination ?
 Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush :
 Therefore they shall fall among them that fall :
- At the time *that I visit them* they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.

- 16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see,
And ask for the old paths, where *is* the good way,
And walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls.
But they said, We will not walk *therein*.
- 17 Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*,
'Hearken to the sound of the trumpet.' But they said, 'We will not hearken.'
- 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them.
- 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people,
Even the fruit of their thoughts,
Because they have not hearkened unto my words,
Nor to my law, but rejected it.
- 20 To what purpose cometh there to me incense from Sheba,
And the sweet cane from a far country?
Your burnt-offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.
- 21 Therefore thus saith the LORD,
Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people,
And the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them;
The neighbor and his friend shall perish.
- 22 Thus saith the LORD,
Behold, a people cometh from the north country,
And a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth.
- 23 They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they *are* cruel, and have no mercy;
Their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in array
As men for war against thee, O daughter of Zion.
- 24 We have heard the fame thereof: our hands wax feeble:
Anguish hath taken hold of us,
And pain, as of a woman in travail.
- 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way;
For the sword of the enemy *and* fear is on every side.
- 26 O daughter of my people, gird *thee* with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes:
Make thee mourning, *as for* an only son, most bitter lamentation:
For the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us.
- 27 I have set thee *for* a tower *and* a fortress among my people,
That thou mayest know and try their way.
- 28 They *are* all grievous revolters, walking with slanders:
They *are* brass and iron; they *are* all corrupters.
- 29 The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire;
The founder melteth in vain; for the wicked are not plucked away.
- 30 Reprobate silver shall *men* call them,
Because the LORD hath rejected them.

- 7** **THE** word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Stand in the gate of the LORD'S house, and proclaim there this
word, and say,
Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship the
LORD.
- 3 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I
will cause you to dwell in this place.
- 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the Lord,
The temple of the Lord, *are* these.
- 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgment
between a man and his neighbor;
- 6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in
this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt:
- 7 Then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, for
ever and ever.
- 8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit.
- 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal,
and walk after other gods whom ye know not;
- 10 And come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are
delivered to do all these abominations?
- 11 Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold,
even I have seen *it*, saith the LORD.
- 12 But go ye now unto my place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set my name at the first, and
see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel.
- 13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you,
rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not;
- 14 Therefore will I do unto *this* house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and
unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shiloh.
- 15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, *even* the whole
seed of Ephraim.
- 16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither
make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.
- 17 Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem?

- 13 The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.
- 19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the LORD: *do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?*
- 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.
- 21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Put your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat flesh.
- 22 For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt-offerings or sacrifices:
- 23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.
- 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in the counsels *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward, and not forward.
- 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have even sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*:
- 26 Yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but hardened their neck: they did worse than their fathers.
- 27 Therefore thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee.
- 28 But thou shalt say unto them,

This is a nation that obeye'h not the voice
Of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction;
Truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.
Cut off thine hair, *O Jerusalem*, and cast it away,
And take up a lamentation on high places;

For the LORD hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath.

- 30 FOR the children of Judah have done evil in my sight, saith the LORD: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to pollute it.
- 31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which *is* in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded *them* not, neither came it into my heart.
- 32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tophet, nor the valley of the son of Hinnom, but the valley of slaughter: for they shall bury in Tophet, till there be no place.
- 33 And the carcases of this people shall be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall fray *them* away.
- 34 Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride: for the land shall be desolate.
- 35 At that time, saith the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of their graves:
- 2 And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped: they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon the face of the earth.
- 3 And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue of them that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 4 MOREOVER thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD;
Shall they fall, and not arise? shall he turn away, and not return?
5 Why *then* is this people of Jerusalem sidden back by a perpetual backsliding?
They hold fast deceit, they refuse to return.
- 6 I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright:
No man repent him of his wickedness, saying, 'What have I done?'
Every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.
- 7 Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times;
And the turtle and the crane and the swallow observe the time of their coming;
But my people know not the judgment of the LORD.
- 8 How do ye say, 'We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us?'
Lo, certainly in vain made he *it*; the pen of the scribes is in vain.
- 9 The wise *men* are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken:
Lo, they have rejected the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them?
- 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others,
And their fields to them that shall inherit *them*:
For every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness,
From the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.
- 11 For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly,
Saying, 'Peace, peace;' when *there* is no peace.

- 12 Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination?
 Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush:
 Therefore shall they fall among them that fall:
 In the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.
- 13 I will surely consume them, saith the LORD:
*There shall be no grapes on the vine,
 Nor figs on the fig-tree, and the leaf shall fade:*
 And *the things that I have given them shall pass away from them.*
- 14 Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves,
 And let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us be silent there:
 For the LORD our God hath put us to silence,
 And given us water of gall to drink,
 Because we have sinned against the LORD.
- 15 We looked for peace, but no good came;
 And for a time of health, and behold trouble!
- 16 The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan:
 The whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones;
 For they are come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it;
 The city, and those that dwell therein.
- 17 For, behold, I will send serpents, cockatrices, among you,
 Which will not be charmed, and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.
- 18 When I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint in me.
- 19 BEHOLD the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people,
 Because of them that dwell in a far country:
 'Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her king in her?'
 Why have they provoked me to anger
 With their graven images, and with strange vanities?
- 20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.
- 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt;
 I am black; astonishment hath taken hold on me.
- 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there?
 Why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?
- 9 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears,
 That I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
- 2 Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging-place of wayfaring men;
 That I might leave my people, and go from them!
- For they be all adulterers, an assembly of treacherous men.
- 3 And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies:
 But they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth;
 For they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD.
- 4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbor, and trust ye not in any brother:
 For every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbor will walk with slanders.
- 5 And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth:
 They have taught their tongue to speak lies, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.
- 6 Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit:
 Through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.
- 7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts,
 Behold, I will melt them, and try them,
 For how shall I do for the daughter of my people?
- 8 Their tongue is as an arrow shot out; it speaketh deceit:
*One speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth,
 But in heart he laveth his wait.*
- 9 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD:
 Shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?
- 10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing,
 And for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation,
 Because they are burned up, so that none can pass through them;
 Neither can men hear the voice of the cattle;
 Both the fowl of the heavens and the beast are fled; they are gone.
- 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, and a den of dragons;
 And I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without an inhabitant.
- 12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this?
 And who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it,
 For what the land perisheth and is burned up like a wilderness, that none passeth through?
- 13 And the LORD saith,
 Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them,
 And have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;
 But have walked after the imagination of their own heart,
 And after Baalim, which their fathers taught them:
- 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
 Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood,
 And give them water of gall to drink.
- 16 I will scatter them also among the heathen,
 Whom neither they nor their fathers have known:
 And I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

- 17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come;
And send for cunning *women*, that they may come:
18 And let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us,
That our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters.
19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion,
'How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded,
Because we have forsaken the land, because our dwellings have cast us out!'
20 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women,
And let your ear receive the word of his mouth,
And teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbor lamentation.
21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces,
To cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets.
- 22 Speak, Thus saith the LORD,
Even the carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open field,
And as the handful after the harvest-man, and none shall gather *them*.
23 Thus saith the LORD, Let not the wise *man* glory in his wisdom,
Neither let the mighty *man* glory in his might,
Let not the rich *man* glory in his riches:
24 But let him that glorieth glory in this,
That he understandeth and knoweth me,
That I *am* the LORD which exercise loving-kindness,
Judgment, and righteousness, in the earth:
For in these *things* I delight, saith the LORD.
25 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised;
26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab,
And all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness:
For all *these nations are* uncircumcised,
And all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.
- 10 Hear ye the word which the LORD speaketh unto you, O house of Israel:
2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen,
And be not dismayed at the signs of heaven;
For the heathen are dismayed at them.
3 For the customs of the people *are* vain:
For one cutteth a tree out of the forest,
The work of the hands of the workman, with the ax.
4 They deck it with silver and with gold;
They fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not.
5 They *are* upright as the palm-tree, but speak not:
They must needs be borne, because they cannot go.
Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil,
Neither also *is it* in them to do good.
6 Forasmuch as *there is* none like unto thee, O LORD;
Thou *art* great, and thy name *is* great in might.
7 Who would not fear thee, O King of nations?
For to thee doth it appertain:
Forasmuch as among all the wise *men* of the nations,
And in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like unto thee.
8 But they are altogether brutish and foolish:
The stock *is* a doctrine of vanities.
9 Silver spread into plates is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz,
The work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder:
Blue and purple *is* their clothing: they *are* all the work of cunning *men*.
10 But the LORD *is* the true God.
He *is* the living God, and an everlasting King:
At his wrath the earth shall tremble,
And the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.
- 11 Thus shall ye say unto them,
The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth,
Even they shall perish from the earth,
And from under these heavens.
12 HE hath made the earth by his power,
He hath established the world by his wisdom,
And hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion.
13 When he uttereth his voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens,
And he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth;
He maketh lightnings with rain,
And bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
14 Every man *is* brutish in *his* knowledge:
Every founder *is* confounded by the graven image:
For his molten image *is* falsehood, and *there is* no breath in them.

- 15 They are vanity, and the work of errors :
In the time of their visitation they shall perish.
- 16 The Portion of Jacob is not like them :
For he is the Former of all things ;
And Israel is the rod of his inheritance :
The LORD of hosts is his name.
- 17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O inhabitant of the fortress.
- 18 For thus saith the LORD,
Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this once,
And will distress them, that they may find it so.
- 19 Woe is me for my hurt ! my wound is grievous :
But I said, ' Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it.'
- 20 My tabernacle is spoiled, and all my cords are broken :
My children are gone forth of me, and they are not :
There is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
- 21 For the pastors are become brutish, and have not sought the LORD :
Therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.
- 22 Behold, the noise of the bruit is come,
And a great commotion out of the north country,
To make the cities of Judah desolate, and a den of dragons.
- 23 O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself :
It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.
- 24 O LORD, correct me, but with judgment ;
Not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.
- 25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not,
And upon the families that call not on thy name :
For they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him,
And consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

11 THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying:
2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of
3 Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem ; and say thou unto
them,

- Thus saith the Lord GOD of Israel ; Cursed be the man that obeyeth not the words of this
4 covenant, ' which I commanded your fathers
In the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying,
Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you : so shall ye be my
people, and I will be your God :
- 5 That I may perform the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give them a land
flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. Then answered I, and said, So be it, O
LORD.
- 6 Then the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the
streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them.
- 7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the
land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice.
- 8 Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the imagination of
their evil heart : therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which
I commanded them to do ; but they did them not.
- 9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among
the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words ;
and they went after other gods to serve them : the house of Israel and the house of Judah
have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers.
- 11 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not
be able to escape : and though they shall cry unto me, I will not hearken unto them.
- 12 Then shall the cities of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto
whom they offer incense ; but they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble.
- 13 For according to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah ; and according to the
number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to that shameful thing, even
altars to burn incense unto Baal.
- 14 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them : for I will
not hear them in the time that they cry unto me for their trouble.

- 15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house,
Seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many,
And the holy flesh is passed from thee ?
When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.
- 16 The LORD called thy name, A green olive-tree, fair, and of goodly fruit :
With the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it,
And the branches of it are broken.
- 17 For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee,
Hath pronounced evil against thee,
For the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah,

- Which they have done against themselves
To provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.
- 18 And the LORD hath given me knowledge of it, and I know it:
Then thou showedst me their doings.
- 19 But I was like a lamb or an ox that is brought to the slaughter;
And I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying,
Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof,
And let us cut him off from the land of the living,
That his name may be no more remembered.
- 20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart,
Let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause.
- 21 THEREFORE thus saith the LORD of the men of Anathoth, that
seek thy life, saying, Prophecy not in the name of the LORD,
22 that thou die not by our hand: therefore thus saith the LORD
of hosts,
Behold, I will punish them: the young men shall die by the sword;
Their sons and their daughters shall die by famine:
And there shall be no remnant of them:
- 23 For I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, even the year of their visitation
12 RIGHTEOUS art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee:
Yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments:
Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper?
Wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?
- 2 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root:
They grow, yea, they bring forth fruit:
Thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins.
- 3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me:
Thou hast seen me, and tried mine heart toward thee:
Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter,
And prepare them for the day of slaughter.
- 4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein?
The beasts are consumed, and the birds;
Because they said, He shall not see our last end.
- 5 If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee,
Then how canst thou contend with horses?
And if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee,
Then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?
- 6 For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father,
Even they have dealt treacherously with thee;
Yea, they have called a multitude after thee:
Believe them not, though they speak fair words unto thee.
- 7 I have forsaken mine house, I have left mine heritage;
I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies.
- 8 Mine heritage is unto me as a lion in the forest;
It crieth out against me: therefore have I hated it.
- 9 Mine heritage is unto me as a speckled bird,
The birds round about are against her:
Come ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, come to devour.
- 10 Many pastors have destroyed my vineyard,
They have trodden my portion under foot,
They have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness.
- 11 They have made it desolate, and being desolate it mourneth unto me;
The whole land is made desolate, because no man layeth it to heart.
- 12 The spoilers are come upon all high places through the wilderness:
For the sword of the LORD shall devour from the one end of the land
Even to the other end of the land: no flesh shall have peace.
- 13 They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns:
They have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit;
And they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.
- 14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine evil neighbors,
That touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit;
Behold, I will pluck them out of their land,
And pluck out the house of Judah from among them.
- 15 And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them out,
I will return, and have compassion on them.
And will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land.
- 16 And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people,
To swear by my name. The LORD liveth;
As they taught my people to swear by Baal;
Then shall they be built in the midst of my people.
- 17 But if they will not obey,
I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the LORD.

- 13** THUS saith the LORD unto me, Go and get thee a linen
2 girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. So I
 got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put it on
3 my loins. And the word of the LORD came unto me the second
4 time, saying, Take the girdle that thou hast got, which is upon
 thy loins, and arise, go to Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole
5 of the rock. So I went, and hid it by Euphrates, as the LORD
6 commanded me. And it came to pass after many days, that the
 LORD said unto me, Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the girdle
7 from thence, which I commanded thee to hide there. Then I
 went to Euphrates, and digged, and took the girdle from the
 place where I had hid it: and, behold, the girdle was marred,
8 it was profitable for nothing. Then the word of the LORD came
9 unto me, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD, After this manner will
10 I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. This
 evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the
 imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods, to serve
 them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which
11 is good for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a
 man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of
 Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the LORD; that they
 might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise,
 and for a glory: but they would not hear.
12 Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word; Thus saith
 the LORD God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine:
 and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that
13 every bottle shall be filled with wine? Then shalt thou say
 unto them,

Thus saith the LORD,
 Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land,
 Even the kings that sit upon David's throne,

- And the priests, and the prophets,
 And all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness.
14 And I will dash them one against another,
 Even the fathers and the sons together, saith the LORD:
 I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy them.
15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for the LORD hath spoken.
16 'Give glory to the LORD your God, before he cause darkness,
 And before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains,
 And, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and make it gross
 darkness.'
17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for your pride;
 And mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears,
 Because the LORD'S flock is carried away captive.
18 Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down:
 For your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory.
19 The cities of the south shall be shut up, and none shall open them:
 Judah shall be carried away captive all of it, it shall be wholly carried away captive.
20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north:
 Where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock?
21 What wilt thou say when he shall punish thee?
 For thou hast taught them to be captains, and as chief over thee:
 Shall not sorrows take thee, as a woman in travail?
22 And if thou say in thine heart, 'Wherefore come these things upon me?'
 For the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts discovered, and thy heels made bare.
23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?
 Then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.
24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble
 That passeth away by the wind of the wilderness.
25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the LORD;
 Because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood.

- 26 Therefore will I discover thy skirts upon thy face, that thy shame may appear.
 27 I have seen thine adulteries, and thy neighings,
 The lewdness of thy whoredom, and thine abominations on the hills in the fields.
 Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! wilt thou not be made clean? when shall it once be?

14 THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the dearth.

- 2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish;
 They are black unto the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up.
 3 And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters:
 They came to the pits, and found no water; they returned with their vessels empty;
 They were ashamed and confounded, and covered their heads.
 4 Because the ground is chapt, for there was no rain in the earth,
 The plowmen were ashamed, they covered their heads:
 5 Yea, the hind also calved in the field,
 And forsook it, because there was no grass.
 6 And the wild asses did stand in the high places,
 They snuffed up the wind like dragons;
 Their eyes did fail, because there was no grass.
 7 O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, do thou it for thy name's sake:
 For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee.
 8 O the hope of Israel, the Savior thereof in time of trouble,
 Why shouldest thou be as a stranger in the land,
 And as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night?
 9 Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save?
 Yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not
 10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Thus have they loved to wander,
 They have not refrained their feet, therefore the LORD doth not accept them;
 He will now remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.
 11 THEN said the LORD unto me, Pray not for this people for their good.
 12 When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt-offering and an oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence.
 13 Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place.
 14 Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their heart.
 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; By sword and famine shall those prophets be consumed.
 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their wickedness upon them. Therefore thou shalt say this word unto them;

LET mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease:
 For the virgin daughter of my people is broken
 With a great breach, with a very grievous blow.

- 18 If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword!
 And if I enter into the city, then behold them that are sick with famine!
 Yea, both the prophet and the priest go about into a land that they know not.
 19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion?
 Why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us?
 We looked for peace, and there is no good; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble!
 20 We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness,
 And the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee.
 21 Do not abhor us, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory:
 Remember, break not thy covenant with us.
 22 Are there any among the vanities of the Gentiles that can cause rain?
 Or can the heavens give showers? Art not thou he, O LORD our God?
 Therefore we will wait upon thee: for thou hast made all these things.

15 THEN said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: 2 cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. And it shall come to pass, if they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD;

Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword;
 And such as are for the famine, to the famine;
 And such as are for the captivity, to the captivity.

- 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith the LORD :
The sword to slay, and the dogs to tear,
And the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and destroy.
 - 4 And I will cause them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth,
Because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem.
 - 5 For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem?
Or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall go aside to ask how thou doest?
 - 6 Thou hast forsaken me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward :
Therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee ; I am weary with repenting.
 - 7 And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land ;
I will bereave *them* of children, I will destroy my people,
Since they return not from their ways.
 - 8 Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas :
I have brought upon them against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday .
I have caused *him* to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city..
 - 9 She that hath borne seven languisheth : she hath given up the ghost ;
Her sun is gone down while it was yet day : she hath been ashamed and confounded
And the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.
 - 10 WOE is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me
A man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth !
I have neither lent on usury, nor men have lent to me on usury ;
Yet every one of them doth curse me.
 - 11 The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with thy remnant ;
Verily I will cause the enemy to entreat thee *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.
 - 12 Shall iron break the northern iron and the steel ?
 - 13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give to the spoil without price,
And that for all thy sins, even in all thy borders.
 - 14 And I will make *thee* to pass with thine enemies into a land *which* thou knowest not :
For a fire is kindled in mine anger, *which* shall burn upon you.
 - 15 O LORD, thou knowest : remember me,
And visit me, and revenge me of my persecutors ;
Take me not away in thy long-suffering :
Know that for thy sake I have suffered rebuke.
 - 16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them ;
And thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart :
For I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.
 - 17 I sat not in the assembly of the mockers, nor rejoiced ;
I sat alone because of thy hand : for thou hast filled me with indignation.
 - 18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, *which* refuseth to be healed ?
Wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail ?
 - 19 Therefore thus saith the LORD,
If thou return, then will I bring thee again, and thou shalt stand before me :
And if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth :
Let them return unto thee ; but return not thou unto them.
 - 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brazen wall :
And they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee :
For I am with thee to save thee, and to deliver thee, saith the LORD.
 - 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked,
And I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.
- 16 THE word of the LORD came also unto me, saying,
- 2 Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place.
 - 3 For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land ;
 - 4 They shall die of grievous deaths ; they shall not be lamented ; neither shall they be buried ;
but they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth : and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine ; and their carcasses shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts of the earth.
 - 5 For thus saith the LORD ; Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor bemoan them : for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, *even* loving-kindness and mercies.
 - 6 Both the great and the small shall die in this land : they shall not be buried, neither shall *men* lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them :
 - 7 Neither shall *men* tear *themselves* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead ;
neither shall *men* give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother.
 - 8 Thou shalt not also go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink.
 - 9 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ; Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride.
 - 10 And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people all these words, and they shall

say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

- 11 Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law;
- 12 And ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me:
- 13 Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.
- 14 THEREFORE, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;
- 15 But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

- 16 Behold, I will send for many fishers.
Saith the LORD, and they shall fish them;
And after will I send for many hunters,
And they shall hunt them from every mountain,
And from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.
- 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways:
They are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.
- 18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double;
Because they have defiled my land,
They have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their de'estable and abominable things.

- 19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction,
The Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say,
Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

- 20 Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods?

- 21 Therefore, behold, I will this once cause them to know,
I will cause them to know mine hand and my might;
And they shall know that my name is The LORD.

- 17 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond:
It is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;

- 2 Whilst their children remember their altars

And their groves by the green trees upon the high hills.

- 3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures to the spoil,
And thy high places for sin, throughout all thy borders.

- 4 And thou, even thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee;
And I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not:
For ye have kindled a fire in mine anger, which shall burn for ever.

- 5 Thus saith the LORD;

Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm,
And whose heart departeth from the LORD.

- 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert,

And shall not see when good cometh;

But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

- 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

- 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters,

And that spreadeth out her roots by the river,

And shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green;

And shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

- 9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

- 10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man

According to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

- 11 As the partridge sitteth on eggs, and hatcheth them not;

So he that getteth riches, and not by right,

Shall leave them in the midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool.

- 12 A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary.

- 13 O LORD, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed,

And they that depart from thee shall be written in the earth,

Because they have forsaken the LORD, the fountain of living waters.

- 14 Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;

Save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

- 15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the LORD? let it come now.

- 16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a pastor to follow thee:

Neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest:

That which came out of my lips was right before thee.

- 17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the day of evil.

- 18 Let them be confounded that persecute me, but let not me be confounded:

Let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed:

Bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double destruction.

19 **THUS** said the LORD unto me; Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem;

20 and say unto them,

Hear ye the word of the LORD, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: thus saith the LORD;

21 Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath-day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath-day, neither do ye any work, but hallow ye the sabbath-day, as I commanded your fathers.

22 But they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, nor receive instruction.

23 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath-day, but hallow the sabbath-day, to do no work therein;

24 Then shall there enter into the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall remain for ever.

25 And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and meat-offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise, unto the house of the LORD.

26 But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath-day, and not to bear a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath-day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

18 **THE** word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause
3 thee to hear my words. Then I went down to the potter's house,
4 and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels. And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter:
5 to make it. Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, where with I said, I would benefit them.

11 Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.

12 And they said, There is no hope: but we will walk after our own devices, and we will
13 every one do the imagination of his evil heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD;

ASK ye now among the heathen, who hath heard such things:

The virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing.

14 Will a man leave the snow of Lebanon which cometh from the rock of the field?
Or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken?

15 Because my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity.

And they have caused them to stumble in their ways from the ancient paths,

To walk in paths, in a way not cast up;

16 To make their land desolate, and a perpetual hissing;

Every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and wag his head.

17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy;

I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 **THEN** said they, 'Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah:

For the law shall not perish from the priest,

Nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet,

Come, and let us smite him with the tongue,

And let us not give heed to any of his words.'

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me.

20 Shall evil be recompensed for good?

For they have digged a pit for my soul.

Remember that I stood before thee to speak good for them,
And to turn away thy wrath from them.

- 21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine,
And pour out their blood by the force of the sword;
And let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows;
And let their men be put to death;
Let their young men be slain by the sword in battle.
- 22 Let a cry be heard from their houses,
When thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them:
For they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet.
- 23 Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me:
Forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight,
But let them be overthrown before thee;
Deal thus with them in the time of thine anger.

- 19 THUS saith the LORD, Go, and get a potter's earthen bottle,
and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the
2 priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which
is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words
3 that I shall tell thee, and say,

- Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; Thus
saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the
which whosoever beareth, his ears shall tingle.
- 4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in
it unto other gods, whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of
Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents;
- 5 They have built also the high places of Baal, to burn their sons with fire for burnt-offerings
unto Baal, which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind;
- 6 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called
Tophet, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of slaughter.
- 7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause
them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of them that seek their
lives; and their carcasses will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the
beasts of the earth.
- 8 And I will make this city desolate, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be
astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof.
- 9 And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and
they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and straitness wherewith their
enemies, and they that seek their lives, shall straiten them.
- 10 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, and shalt say
unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot
be made whole again; and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury.
- 12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith the LORD, and to the inhabitants thereof, and even
make this city as Tophet:
- 13 And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be defiled as the
place of Tophet, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense
unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.
- 14 Then came Jeremiah from Tophet, whither the LORD had
sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the LORD'S
house; and said to all the people,
- 15 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon this city and
upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it, because they have hard-
ened their necks, that they might not hear my words.

- 20 NOW Pashur the son of Immer the priest, who was also chief
governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophe-
2 sied these things. Then Pashur smote Jeremiah the prophet,
and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin,
3 which was by the house of the LORD. And it came to pass on
the morrow, that Pashur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks.
Then said Jeremiah unto him, The LORD hath not called thy
4 name Pashur, but Magor-missabib. For thus saith the LORD,

Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by
the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into
the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall
slay them with the sword.

- 5 Moreover I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labors thereof, and all the precious things thereof; and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon.
- 6 And thou, Pashur, and all that dwell in thine house, shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and shalt be buried there, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied lies.
- 7 O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: Thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am in derision daily, every one mocketh me.
- 8 For since I spake, I cried out, I cried violence and spoil; Because the word of the LORD was made a reproach unto me, and a derision, daily.
- 9 Then I said, 'I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name.' But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, And I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.
- 10 For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. 'Report,' say they, 'and we will report it.' All my familiars watched for my halting, saying, 'Peradventure he will be enticed, And we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.'
- 11 But the LORD is with me as a mighty terrible One: Therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: They shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not prosper: Their everlasting confusion shall never be forgotten.
- 12 But, O LORD of hosts, that triest the righteous, and seest the reins and the heart, Let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I opened my cause.
- 13 Sing unto the LORD, praise ye the LORD: For he hath delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evil-doers.
- 14 CURSED be the day wherein I was born: Let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed.
- 15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, Saying, 'A man-child is born unto thee;' making him very glad.
- 16 And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not And let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noon tide;
- 17 Because he slew me not from the womb; Or that my mother might have been my grave, And her womb to be always great with me.
- 18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, That my days should be consumed with shame?
- 21 THE** word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, Inquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us. Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the LORD God of Israel;
- Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city.
- 5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath.
- 6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence.
- 7 And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city, from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.
- 8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death.
- 9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey.
- 10 For I have set my face against this city for evil, and not for good, saith the LORD: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.
- 11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, say,
- 12 Hear ye the word of the LORD; 'O house of David; Thus saith the LORD; Execute judgment in the morning, And deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, Lest my fury go out like fire, and burn that none can quench it, Because of the evil of your doings.

- 13 Behold, *I am* against thee, O inhabitant of the valley,
And rock of the plain, saith the LORD;
 Which say, 'Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations?'
 14 But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the LORD:
And I will kindle a fire in the forest thereof, and it shall devour all things round about it.
- 22 THUS saith the LORD; Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word,
 2 *And* say, Hear the word of the LORD. O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates:
 3 Thus saith the LORD; Execute ye judgment and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place.
 4 For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people.
 5 But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the LORD, that this house
 6 shall become a desolation. For thus saith the LORD unto the king's house of Judah;
Thou art Gilead unto me, *and* the head of Lebanon:
Yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, *and* cities which are not inhabited.
 7 *And* I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons:
And they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast *them* into the fire.
- 8 *AND* many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbor,
 Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this great city?
 9 Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.
 10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him:
But weep sore for him that goeth away:
For he shall return no more, nor see his native country.
- 11 FOR thus saith the LORD touching Shallum the son of Josiah king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place:
 12 He shall not return thither any more: 'but he shall die in the place whither they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.
 13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong;
That useth his neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;
 14 That saith, I will build me a wide house and large chambers, and cutteth him out windows;
And it is ciled with cedar, and painted with vermilion.
 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou closest *thyself* in cedar?
Did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice, *and* then it was well with him?
 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well *with* him:
Was not this to know me? saith the LORD.
 17 But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness,
And for to shed innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it.
- 19 THEREFORE thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah;
 They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah my brother!' or, 'Ah sister!'
 They shall not lament for him, saying, 'Ah lord!' or, 'Ah his glory!'
 19 He shall be buried with the burial of an ass,
 Drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.
 20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan,
 And cry from the passages: for all thy lovers are destroyed.
 21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear.
This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice.
 22 The wind shall eat up all thy pastors, and thy lovers shall go into captivity:
 Surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness.
 23 O inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars,
 How gracious shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee,
 The pain as of a woman in travail!
 24 As I live, saith the LORD.
 Though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah
 Were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;
 25 *And* I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life,
And into the hand of *them* whose face thou fearest,
 Even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
 And into the hand of the Chaldeans.
 26 *And* I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country,
 Where ye were not born; and there shall ye die.
 27 But to the land whereunto they desire to return, thither shall they not return.

- 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken idol?
Is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure?
Wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed,
And are cast into a land which they know not?
- 29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.
- 30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless,
A man that shall not prosper in his days:
For no man of his seed shall prosper,
Sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.
- 23 WOE be unto the pastors
That destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.
- 2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel
Against the pastors that feed my people;
Ye have scattered my flock,
And driven them away, and have not visited them:
Behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.
- 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them,
And will bring them again to their folds;
And they shall be fruitful and increase.
- 4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them:
And they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed,
Neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.
- 5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will raise unto David a righteous Branch,
And a King shall reign and prosper,
And shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.
- 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely:
And this is his name whereby he shall be called,
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.
- 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That they shall no more say, 'The LORD liveth,
Which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt!'
But, 'The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led
The seed of the house of Israel out of the north country,
And from all countries whither I have driven them!'
And they shall dwell in their own land.
- 9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake;
I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome,
Because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.
- 10 For the land is full of adulterers;
For because of swearing the land mourneth;
The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up,
And their course is evil, and their force is not right.
- 11 For both prophet and priest are profane;
Yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.
- 12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness:
They shall be driven on, and fall therein:
For I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.
- 13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria:
They prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.
- 14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing:
They commit adultery, and walk in lies:
They strengthen also the hands of evil-doers,
That none doth return from his wickedness:
They are all of them unto me as Sodom,
And the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.
- 15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets;
Behold, I will feed them with wormwood,
And make them drink the water of gall:
For from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.
- 16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you:
They make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart,
And not out of the mouth of the LORD.
- 17 They say still unto them that despise me,
'The LORD hath said, "Ye shall have peace;"'
And they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart,
'No evil shall come upon you.'
- 18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD,
And hath perceived and heard his word?
Who hath marked his word, and heard it?
- 19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD
Is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind:
It shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

- 20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed,
And till he have performed the thoughts of his heart:
In the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.
- 21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran:
I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.
- 22 But if they had stood in my counsel,
And had caused my people to hear my words,
Then they should have turned them from their evil way,
And from the evil of their doings.
- 23 *Am* I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?
- 24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD.
Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.
- 25 I have heard what the prophets said,
That prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed.'
- 26 How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies?
Yea, *they* are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;
Which think to cause my people to forget my name
By their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor,
As their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.
- 27 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream;
And he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully.
What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.
- 29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD;
And like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?
- 30 Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD,
That steal my words every one from his neighbor.
- 31 Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD,
That use their tongues, and say, 'HE saith.'
- 32 Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD,
And do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness;
Yet I sent them not, nor commanded them:
Therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.
- 33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee,
Saying, 'What is the burden of the LORD?'
Thou shalt then say unto them, 'What burden?
I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.'
- 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people,
That shall say, 'The burden of the LORD,'
I will even punish that man and his house.
- 35 Thus shall ye say, every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother.
'What hath the LORD answered?' and, 'What hath the LORD spoken?'
- 36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more:
For every man's word shall be his burden;
For ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.
- 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet,
'What hath the LORD answered thee?' and, 'What hath the LORD spoken?'
- 38 But since ye say, 'The burden of the LORD,'
Therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, 'The burden of the LORD,'
And I have sent unto you, saying, 'Ye shall not say, "The burden of the LORD,"'
- 39 Therefore, behold, I even I, will utterly forget you,
And I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers,
And cast you out of my presence:
- 40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you,
And a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.'

24 THE LORD showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. One basket *had* very good figs, *even* like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket *had* very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the evil, very evil, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil. Again the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

- 5 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel;
Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge them that are carried away captive of Judah,
Whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans for their good.

- 6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land :
 And I will build them, and not pull *them* down ;
 And I will plant them, and not pluck *them* up.
- 7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I *am* the LORD :
 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God :
 For they shall return unto me with their whole heart.
- 8 And as the evil figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so evil ;
 Surely thus saith the LORD,
 So will I give Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes,
 And the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land,
 And them that dwell in the land of Egypt :
- 9 And I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt,
 To be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them.
- 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them,
 Till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

- 25** THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people
 of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king
 of Judah, that *was* the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of
 2 Babylon ; the which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the
 people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying
- 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon king of Judah, even unto this day, that
is the three-and-twentieth year, the word of the LORD hath come unto me, and I have
 spoken unto you, rising early and speaking ; but ye have not hearkened.
- 4 And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending
them ; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.
- 5 They said, Turn ye again now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your
 doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD hath given unto you and to your fathers for
 ever and ever :
- 6 And go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to
 anger with the works of your hands ; and I will do you no hurt.
- 7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the LORD ; that ye might provoke me to anger
 8 with the works of your hands to your own hurt. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts ;

Because ye have not heard my words,

- 9 Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the LORD,
 And Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant,
 And will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof,
 And against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them.
 And make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations.
- 10 Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness,
 The voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride,
 The sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle.
- 11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment ;
 And these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished,
 That I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD,
 For their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans,
 And will make it perpetual desolations.
- 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it,
 Even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the
 nations.
- 14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also :
 And I will recompense them according to their deeds,
 And according to the works of their own hands.
- 15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me ;
 Take the wine-cup of this fury at my hand,
 And cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it.
- 16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad,
 Because of the sword that I will send among them.
- 17 Then took I the cup at the LORD'S hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the
 LORD had sent me :
- 18 To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof,
 to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse ; as it *is* this day ;
- 19 ' Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people ; ' and all the
 mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the
 Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Azzah, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ashdod,
- 21 ' Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, ' and all the kings of Tyrus, and all the
 kings of Zidon, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea,
- 23 ' Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and *that are* in the utmost corners, ' and all the kings of
 Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the desert,
- 25 And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of the Medes,

- 26 and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of
 27 the world, which *are* upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink
 after them. Therefore thou shalt say unto them,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
 Drink ye, and be drunken, and spew, and fall, and rise no more,
 Because of the sword which I will send among you.

- 28 And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say
 unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Ye shall certainly drink.
 29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be
 utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the
 inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

- 30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them,

The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation;
 He shall mightily roar upon his habitation; he shall give a shout,
 (As they that tread *the grapes*.) against all the inhabitants of the earth.

- 31 A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth;
 For the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh;
 He will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.

- 32 Thus saith the LORD of hosts,

Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation,
 And a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.

- 33 And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day
 From *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth:
 They shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried;

They shall be dung upon the ground.

- 34 Howl, ye shepherds, and cry;
 And wallow yourselves *in the ashes*, ye principal of the flock:
 For the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished;

And ye shall fall like a pleasant vessel.

- 35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee,
 Nor the principal of the flock to escape.

- 36 And a voice of the cry of the shepherds,
 And an howling of the principal of the flock, *shall be heard*:
 For the LORD hath spoiled their pasture.

- 37 And the peaceable habitations are cut down
 Because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

- 38 He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is desolate
 Because of the fierceness of the oppressor, and because of his fierce anger.

- 26 IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah
 2 king of Judah, came this word from the LORD, saying, Thus
 saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and
 speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the
 LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto
 them; diminish not a word: if so be they will hearken, and turn
 every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil,
 which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their
 4 doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD;

If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

- 5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up
 early, and sending *them*, but ye have not hearkened;

- 6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations
 of the earth.

- 7 So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jere-
 8 miah speaking these words in the house of the LORD. Now it
 came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all
 that the LORD had commanded *him* to speak unto all the peo-
 ple, that the priests and the prophets and all the people took him,
 9 saying, Thou shalt surely die. Why hast thou prophesied in the
 name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and
 this city shall be desolate without an inhabitant? And all the
 people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the
 10 LORD. When the princes of Judah heard these things, then

- they came up from the king's house unto the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house.
- 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, *This man is worthy to die*; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears
- 12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house
- 13 and against this city all the words that ye have heard. Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the
- 14 evil that he hath pronounced against you. As for me, Behold, *I am* in your hand: do with me as seemeth good and meet unto
- 15 you. But know ye for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the LORD hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.
- 16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets; *This man is not worthy to die*: for he hath spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God.
- 17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to
- 18 all the assembly of the people, saying, Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying,

" Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
Zion shall be plowed *like* a field,
And Jerusalem shall become heaps,

And the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest."

- 19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the LORD, and besought the LORD, and the LORD repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.
- 20 AND there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the LORD, Urijah the son of Shemaiah of Kirjath-jearim, who prophesied against this city, and against this land, according to
- 21 all the words of Jeremiah: and when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death: but when Urijah heard it, he
- 22 was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt; and Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor,
- 23 and *certain* men with him into Egypt. And they fetched forth Urijah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the
- 24 graves of the common people. Nevertheless the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.
- 27 IN the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from the LORD,
- 2 saying, 'Thus saith the LORD to me; Make thee bonds and
- 3 yokes, and put them upon thy neck, 'and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyrus, and to the king of Zidon, 'y

the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah ; and command them to say unto their masters,

- Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ; Thus shall ye say unto your masters ;
 I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by my great power and by my outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed meet unto me.
 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant ; and the beasts of the field have I given him also to serve him.
 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come : and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.
 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand.
 Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanters, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon :
 For they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land ; and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish.
 But the nations that bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those will I let remain still in their own land, saith the LORD ; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.
 I spake also to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live.
 Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon ?
 Therefore hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon : for they prophesy a lie unto you.
 For I have not sent them, saith the LORD, yet they prophesy a lie in my name ; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets that prophesy unto you.
 Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD ; Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD'S house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon : for they prophesy a lie unto you.
 Hearken not unto them ; serve the king of Babylon, and live : wherefore should this city be laid waste ?
 But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon.
 For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that remain in this city,
 Which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem ;
 Yea, thus saith the lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem ;
 They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD ; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.

28 AND it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, and in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,

- Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon.
 Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD'S house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and carried them to Babylon :
 And I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went into Babylon, saith the LORD : for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

5 THEN the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house of the LORD, even the prophet Jeremiah said,

Amen : the LORD do so : the LORD perform thy words which thou hast prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD'S house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place.

- 7 Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people ;
 8 The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied both against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence.
 9 The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* shall the prophet be known, that the LORD hath truly sent him.

- 10 THEN Hananiah the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet
 11 Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying,

Thus saith the LORD ; Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the space of two full years.

And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

- 12 THEN the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah *the prophet*, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

- 13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD ; Thou hast broken the yokes of wood ; but thou shalt make for them yokes of iron.

- 14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ; I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon ; and they shall serve him : and I have given him the beasts of the field also.

- 15 THEN said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah ; The LORD hath not sent thee ; but thou
 16 makest this people to trust in a lie. Therefore thus saith the LORD ;

Behold, I will cast thee from off the face of the earth : this year thou shalt die, because thou hast taught rebellion against the LORD.

- 17 So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

- 29 NOW these *are* the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders which were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had
 2 carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon ; (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths,
 3 were departed from Jerusalem ;) by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon) saying,

- 4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon ;

5 ' Build ye houses, and dwell in them ;

And plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them ;

6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters ;

And take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands,

That they may bear sons and daughters ;

That ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, And pray unto the LORD for it :

For in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.'

8 FOR thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ;

Let not your prophets and your diviners,

That be in the midst of you, deceive you,

Neither hearken to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed.

9 For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name :

I have not sent them, saith the LORD.

10 For thus saith the LORD,

' That after seventy years be accomplished at Babylon I will visit you,

And perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place.

11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD,

Thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

- 12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me,
And I will hearken unto you.
- 13 And ye shall seek me, and find me,
When ye shall search for me with all your heart.
- 14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD;
And I will turn away your captivity,
And I will gather you from all the nations,
And from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD;
And I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.
- 15 Because ye have said,
'The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon;'
- 16 Know that thus saith the LORD
Of the king that sitteth upon the throne of David,
And of all the people that dwelleth in this city,
And of your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity;
Thus saith the LORD of hosts:
- 17 'Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence,
And will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so evil.
- 18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence,
And will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth,
To be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach,
Among all the nations whither I have driven them:
- 19 Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD,
Which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets,
Rising up early and sending them;
But ye would not hear, saith the LORD.'
- 20 Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent from
Jerusalem to Babylon:
- 21 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, of Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and of Zede-
kiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name; Behold, I will
deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them
before your eyes;
- 22 And of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captivity of Judah which are in Babylon,
saying, The LORD make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon
roasted in the fire;
- 23 Because they have committed villany in Israel, and have committed adultery with their
neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in my name, which I have not commanded
them; even I know, and am a witness, saith the LORD.
- 24 *Thus* shalt thou also speak to Shemaiah the Nehelamite,
saying,
- 25 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying,
Because thou hast sent letters in thy name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to
Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying,
- 26 The LORD hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be
officers in the house of the LORD, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a
prophet, that thou shouldst put him in prison, and in the stocks;
- 27 Now therefore why hast thou not reproved Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a
prophet to you?
- 28 For therefore he sent unto us in Babylon, saying,
'This captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them;
And plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them.'
- 29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah
- 30 the prophet. Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah,
- 31 saying, Send to all them of the captivity, saying,
Thus saith the LORD concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite; Because that Shemaiah hath
prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he caused you to trust in a lie:
- 32 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his
seed: he shall not have a man to dwell among this people;
Neither shall he behold the good that I will do for my people, saith the LORD; because he
hath taught rebellion against the LORD.
- 30 THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 2 Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken
unto thee in a book.
- 3 For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people
Israel and Judah, saith the LORD; and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave
to their fathers, and they shall possess it.
- 4 And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah:
- 5 For thus saith the LORD;
We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

- 6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child?
Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins,
As a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?
- 7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it:
It is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.
- 8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts,
That I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds,
And strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:
- 9 But they shall serve the LORD their God,
And DAVID their king, whom I will raise up unto them.
- 10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD;
Neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar,
And thy seed from the land of their captivity;
And Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest,
And be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.
- 11 For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee:
Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee,
Yet will I not make a full end of thee:
But I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.
- 12 For thus saith the LORD,
Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.
- 13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up:
Thou hast no healing medicines.
- 14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not;
For I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy,
With the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity;
Because thy sins were increased.
- 15 Why criest thou for thine affliction?
Thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity:
Because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.
- 16 Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured;
And all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity;
And they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey.
- 17 For I will restore health unto thee,
And I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD;
Because they called thee an Outcast, saying,
This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.
- 18 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents,
And have mercy on his dwelling-places;
And the city shall be builded upon her own heap,
And the palace shall remain after the manner thereof.
- 19 And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving
And the voice of them that make merry:
And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few;
I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small.
- 20 Their children also shall be as aforetime,
And their congregation shall be established before me,
And I will punish all that oppress them.
- 21 And their nobles shall be of themselves,
And their governor shall proceed from the midst of them;
And I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me:
For who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.
- 22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.
- 23 Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind:
It shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked.
- 24 The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it,
And until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.
- 31 At the same time, saith the LORD,
Will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
- 2 Thus saith the LORD,
The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness;
Even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest.
- 3 The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying,
Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love:
Therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.
- 4 Again I will build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel:
Thou shalt again be adorned with thy tabrets,
And shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.
- 5 Thou shalt yet plant vines upon the mountains of Samaria:
The planters shall plant, and shall eat them as common things.
- 6 For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry,
Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God.
- 7 For thus saith the LORD;
Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations:
Publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel.

- 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country,
And gather them from the coasts of the earth,
And with them the blind and the lame,
The woman with child and her that travaileth with child together :
A great company shall return thither.
- 9 They shall come with weeping,
And with supplications will I lead them :
I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters
In a straight way, wherein they shall not stumble :
For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.
- 10 HEAR the word of the LORD, O ye nations,
And declare it in the isles afar off, and say,
He that scattered Israel will gather him,
And keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock.
- 11 For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob,
And ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he.
- 12 Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion,
And shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD,
For wheat, and for wine, and for oil,
And for the young of the flock and of the herd :
And their soul shall be as a watered garden ;
And they shall not sorrow any more at all.
- 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance,
Both young men and old together :
For I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them,
And make them rejoice from their sorrow.
- 14 And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness,
And my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.
- 15 THUS saith the LORD ;
A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping ;
Rachel weeping for her children refused to be comforted
For her children, because they were not.
- 16 Thus saith the LORD ;
Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears :
For thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD ;
And they shall come again from the land of the enemy.
- 17 And there is hope in thine end, saith the LORD,
That thy children shall come again to their own border.
- 18 I HAVE surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus ;
'Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock unaccustomed to the yoke :'
Turn thou me, and I shall be turned ; for thou art the LORD my God.
- 19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented ;
And after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh :
I was ashamed, yea, even confounded,
Because I did bear the reproach of my youth.'
- 20 Is Ephraim my dear son ? is he a pleasant child ?
For since I spake against him, I do earnestly remember him still :
Therefore my bowels are troubled for him :
I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.
- 21 Set thee up way-marks, make thee high heaps :
Set thine heart toward the high-way, even the way which thou wentest :
Turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities.
- 22 How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter ?
For the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth. A woman shall compass a city.
- 23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ;
As yet they shall use this speech in the land of Judah
And in the cities thereof, when I shall bring again their captivity ;
'The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, and mountain of holiness.'
- 24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together,
Husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.
- 25 For I have satiated the weary soul, and I have replenished every sorrowful soul.
- 26 Upon this I awaked, and beheld : and my sleep was sweet unto me.
- 27 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah
With the seed of man, and with the seed of beast.
- 28 And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them, to pluck up,
And to break down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict ;
So will I watch over them, to build, and to plant, saith the LORD.
- 29 In those days they shall say no more,
'The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge.'
- 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity :
Every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.
- 31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel,
And with the house of Judah :

- 32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers
In the day *that* I took them by the hand, to bring them out of the land of Egypt;
Which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
- 33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel;
After those days, saith the LORD,
I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;
And will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor,
And every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD:
For they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD:
- For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.
- 35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day,
And the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night,
Which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar;
The LORD of hosts is his name:
- 36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD,
Then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.
- 37 Thus saith the LORD;
If heaven above can be measured,
And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath,
I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD
- 38 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That the city shall be built to the LORD
From the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner.
- 39 And the measuring-line shall yet go forth over-against it upon the hill Gareb,
And shall compass about to Goath.
- 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes,
And all the fields unto the brook of Kidron,
Unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east,
Shall be holy unto the LORD;
It shall not be plucked up,
Nor thrown down any more for ever.

32 THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which *was* the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which *was* in the king of Judah's house

3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes: and he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper. And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanameel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that *is* in Anathoth: for the right of redemption *is* thine to buy *it*. So Hanameel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that *is* in Anathoth, which *is* in the country of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance *is* thine, and the redemption *is* thine; buy *it* for thyself. Then I knew that this *was* the word of the LORD. And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that *was* in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, *even* seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed *him* the money in the balances. So I took the evidence of the pur-

chase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open; and I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison. And I charged Baruch before them, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land.

NOW when I had delivered the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the LORD, saying,

'Ah Lord GOD! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth
By thy great power and stretched-out arm,
And there is nothing too hard for thee:
Thou showest loving-kindness unto thousands,
And recompensest the iniquity of the fathers
Into the bosom of their children after them:
The Great, the Mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is his name,
Great in counsel, and mighty in work:
For thine eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men:
To give every one according to his ways,
And according to the fruit of his doings:
Which hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt,
Even unto this day, and in Israel, and among other men;
And hast made thee a name, as at this day;
And hast brought forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs,
And with wonders, and with a strong hand,
And with a stretched-out arm, and with great terror;
And hast given them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them.
A land flowing with milk and honey;
And they came in, and possessed it;
But they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law;
They have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do:
Therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them:
Behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it;
And the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans, that fight against it,
Because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence:
And what thou hast spoken is come to pass;
And, behold, thou seest it.
And thou hast said unto me, O Lord GOD,
Buy thee the field for money, and take witnesses;
For the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.'

Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying,

Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?
Therefore thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it:
And the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set fire on this city, and burn it with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.
For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before me from their youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the LORD.
For this city hath been to me as a provocation of mine anger and of my fury, from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face,
Because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruction.
But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it.
And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech: which I com

manded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence;

37 Behold, I will gather them out of all countries,
Whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath;
And I will bring them again unto this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely:

38 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

39 And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever.

For the good of them, and of their children after them,

40 And I will make an everlasting covenant with them,
That I will not turn away from them, to do them good;

But I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall not depart from me.

41 Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good,

And I will plant them in this land assuredly

With my whole heart and with my whole soul.

42 For thus saith the LORD;

Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people,

So will I bring upon them all the good that I have promised them.

43 And fields shall be bought in this land,

Whereof ye say, *It is desolate without man or beast;*

It is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe evidences, and seal *them*,

And take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem,

And in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains,

And in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south:

For I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

33 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD the maker thereof.

The LORD that formed it, to establish it; The LORD is his name;

3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee.

And show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

4 For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel,

Concerning the houses of this city,

And concerning the houses of the kings of Judah,

Which are thrown down by the mounts, and by the sword;

5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans,

But *it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men,*

Whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury,

And for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city.

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them,

And will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth.

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return,

And will build them as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me;

And I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned,

And whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 And it shall be to me a name of joy,

A praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth,

Which shall hear all the good that I do unto them:

And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness

And for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith the LORD;

Again there shall be heard in this place,

Which ye say *shall be desolate without man and without beast,*

Even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem,

That are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast,

11 The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness,

The voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride,

The voice of them that shall say,

'Praise the LORD of hosts:

For the LORD is good;

For his mercy endureth for ever.'

And of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD.

For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Again in this place,

Which is desolate without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof,

Shall be an habitation of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down.

13 In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the vale,

- And in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin,
And in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah,
Shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him that telleth *them*, saith the LORD.
- 14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will perform that good thing which I have promised
Unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.
- 15 In those days, and at that time,
Will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David;
And he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.
- 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely:
And this is *the name* wherewith she shall be called The LORD our righteousness.
- 17 For thus saith the LORD;
David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;
18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings,
And to kindle meat-offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.
- 19 AND the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,
20 Thus saith the LORD;
If ye can break my covenant of the day,
And my covenant of the night,
And that there should not be day and night in their season;
21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant,
That he should not have a son to reign upon his throne;
And with the Levites the priests, my ministers.
- 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered,
Neither the sand of the sea measured:
So will I multiply the seed of David my servant,
And the Levites that minister unto me.
- 23 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, say-
24 ing, Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying,
The two families which the LORD hath chosen, he hath even
cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they
25 should be no more a nation before them. Thus saith the LORD;
If my covenant be not with day and night,
And if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;
26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant,
So that I will not take *any* of his seed to be rulers
Over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob:
For I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.
- 34 THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the
kingdoms of the earth of his dominion, and all the people, fought
2 against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying, Thus
saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah
king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD;
Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon,
And he shall burn it with fire;
3 And thou shalt not escape out of his hand,
But shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand;
And thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon,
And he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon.
- 4 Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah;
Thus saith the LORD of thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword:
5 But thou shalt die in peace, and with the burnings of thy fathers,
The former kings which were before thee, so shall they burn *odors* for thee;
And they will lament thee, saying, 'Ah lord!'
For I have pronounced the word, saith the LORD.
- THEN Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zede-
7 kiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, when the king of Babylon's
army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah
that were left, against Lachish, and against Azekah: for these
defenced cities remained of the cities of Judah. *This is the*
word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the
king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people, which

- 9 were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; that every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should
- 10 serve himself of them, *to wit*, of a Jew his brother. Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his man-servant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let *them* go.
- 11 But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought
- 12 them into subjection for servants and for handmaids. Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
- 13 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying,
- 14 'At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee.' But your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear.
- 15 And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name:
- 16 But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom he had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.
- 17 Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.
- 18 And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof,
- 19 The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf;
- 20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth.
- 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you.
- 22 Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.
- 35** THE word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the
- 2 days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habaziniyah, and his brethren, and
- 4 all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan, the son of Igdaliah, a man of God, which *was* by the chamber of the princes, which *was* above the chamber
- 5 of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites pots full of
- 6 wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, *neither*
- 7 ye, nor your sons for ever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *any*: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land
- 8 where ye *be* strangers. Thus have we obeyed the voice of

Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor
 9 our daughters; 'nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither
 10 have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab
 11 our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians: so we dwell
 12 at Jerusalem. Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
 13 Go and tell the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem,

Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the LORD.

14 The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are performed; for unto this day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment: notwithstanding I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye hearkened not unto me.
 15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.
 16 Because the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father, which he commanded them; but this people hath not hearkened unto me:
 17 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered.
 18 And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you:
 19 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

36 AND it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I *am* shut up; I cannot
 6 go into the house of the LORD: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD'S house upon the fasting day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all
 7 Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people.

8 And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD'S house.

9 AND it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed

a fast before the LORD to all the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the higher court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD'S house, in the ears of all the people. When Michaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD, then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, *even* Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. Then Michaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. And they said unto him. Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read *it* in their ears. Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they were afraid, both one and other, and said unto Baruch. We will surely tell the king of all these words. And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink in the book. Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be. And they went in to the king into the court, but they laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of Elishama the scribe's chamber. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter-house in the ninth month: and *there was a fire* on the hearth burning before him. And it came to pass, *that* when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife, and cast *it* into the fire that *was* on the hearth, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that *was* on the hearth. Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, *neither* the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Nevertheless Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them. But the king commanded Jerahmeel the son of Hammelech, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them. Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim

29 the king of Judah hath burned. And thou shalt say to Jehoiakim king of Judah, Thus saith the LORD; Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall
30 cause to cease from thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah;

He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David:

31 And his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost.
And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity;
And I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
And upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them;

but they hearkened not.

32 THEN took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

37 AND king Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of
2 Babylon made king in the land of Judah. But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.
3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. Now
4 Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had
5 not put him into prison. Then Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem
6 heard tidings of them, they departed from Jerusalem. Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying,

7 Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land.
8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. Thus saith the LORD; Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart.
10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained *but* wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

11 AND it came to pass, that when the army of the Chaldeans
12 was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to separate himself thence in the midst of the people.
13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou
14 fallest away to the Chaldeans. Then said Jeremiah, *It is false*; I fall not away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him:
15 so Irijah took Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. Wherefore the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe: for they had made that the prison.

16 WHEN Jeremiah was entered into the dungeon, and into the
17 cabins, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; then

Zedekiah the king sent, and took him out: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? and Jeremiah said, There is: for, said he, thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

- 18 MOREOVER Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, 'What have I
19 offended against thee, or against thy servants, or against this
20 people, that ye have put me in prison? Where *are* now your
21 prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? Therefore hear now, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there.'
- 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded that they should commit Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him daily a piece of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city were spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

- 38 THEN Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken unto all the people, saying,

2 Thus saith the LORD, He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live; for he shall have his life for a prey, and shall live.

3 Thus saith the LORD. This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it.

- 4 Therefore the princes said unto the king, We beseech thee, let this man be put to death: for thus he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh
5 not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. Then Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he *is* in your hand: for the king *is* not *he*
6 *that* can do *any* thing against you. Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malchiah the son of Hammelech, that *was* in the court of the prison: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon *there was* no water, but mire: so Jeremiah sunk in the mire.

- 7 Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, one of the eunuchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake
8 to the king, saying, My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and he is like to die for hunger in the place where he is: for *there is* no more bread in the city.
10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, 'Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah
11 the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah.
12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah,

Put now *these* old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine arm-
 13 holes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. 'So they drew up
 Jeremiah with cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and
 Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

14 THEN Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet
 unto him into the third entry that *is* in the house of the LORD:
 and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; hide
 15 nothing from me. Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I de-
 clare *it* unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if
 16 I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me? So Zede-
 kiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the
 LORD liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death,
 neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek
 17 thy life. Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah,

Thus saith the LORD, the God of hos'ts, the God of Israel; If thou wilt assuredly go forth
 unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be
 burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thine house:

18 But if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given
 unto the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape
 out of their hand.

19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen to the
 Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their hand, and they mock me.

20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *thee*. Oley, I beseech thee, the voice of the
 LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live.

21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this *is* the word that the LORD hath showed me:

22 And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house *shall* be brought forth
 to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, Thy friends have set thee on,
 and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned
 away back.

23 So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not
 escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou
 shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these
 25 words, and thou shalt not die. But if the princes hear that I
 have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto
 thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king,
 hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what
 26 the king said unto thee: then thou shalt say unto them, I pre-
 sented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause
 27 me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. Then came all
 the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them
 according to all these words that the king had commanded. So
 they left off speaking with him; for the matter was not perceived.
 28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the prison until the day that
 Jerusalem was taken: and he was *there* when Jerusalem was
 taken.

39 IN the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth
 month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army
 2 against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. And in the eleventh
 year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth *day* of the
 3 month, the city was broken up. And all the princes of the king
 of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, *even* Nergal-
 sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer,
 Rab-mag, with all the residue of the princes of the king of Baby-
 4 lon. And it came to pass, *that* when Zedekiah the king of Judah
 saw them, and all the men of war, then they fled, and went

forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of
 5 the plain. But the Chaldeans' army pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, where he gave judgment upon him.
 6 Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also the king of Babylon slew all the nobles of Judah.
 7 Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the
 8 people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem. Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive
 9 into Babylon the remnant of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to him, with the rest of
 10 the people that remained. But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

11 Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard, saying,
 12 'Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do
 13 unto him even as he shall say unto thee. So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushasban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the king of Babylon's princes;
 14 even they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.

15 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he
 16 was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, Go and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel;
 Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good;
 And they shall be *accomplished* in that day before thee.

17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD:

And thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou *art* afraid.

18 For I will surely deliver thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword,

But thy life shall be for a prey unto thee:

Because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

40 THE word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all that were carried away captive of Jerusalem and Judah,
 2 which were carried away captive unto Babylon. And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD
 3 thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. Now the LORD hath brought *it*, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed
 4 his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you. And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which *were* upon thine hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee: but if it seem

- ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land *is* before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient
- 5 for thee to go, thither go. Now while he was not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward, and let
- 6 him go. Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.
- 7 Now when all the captains of the forces which *were* in the fields, *even* they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poor of the land, of them that were not carried away cap-
- 8 tive to Babylon; then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of a Maachathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear
- 9 not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to serve the Chaldeans, which will come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine, and summer-fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and dwell in your cities
- 10 that ye have taken. Likewise when all the Jews that *were* in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and that *were* in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the
- 11 son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan; even all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer-fruits very much.
- 12 MOREOVER Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were* in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah,
- 13 'and said unto him, Dost thou certainly know that Baalis the king of the Ammonites hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to slay thee? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them
- 14 not. Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know *it*: wherefore should he slay thee, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish?
- 15 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.
- 41 Now it came to pass in the seventh month, *that* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and the princes of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Ged-

- aliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread
2 together in Mizpah. Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah,
and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the
son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew
him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the
3 land. Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, *even*
with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found
4 there, *and* the men of war. And it came to pass the second day
5 after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew *it*, 'that there
came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria,
even fourscore men, having their beards shaven, and their clothes
rent, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in
6 their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD. And Ish
mael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them,
weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met
them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam.
7 And it was *so*, when they came into the midst of the city, that
Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, *and cast them* into the
8 midst of the pit, he, and the men that *were* with him. But ten
men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not
for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and
of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among
9 their brethren. Now the pit wherein Ishmael had cast all the
dead bodies of the men, whom he had slain because of Geda
liah, *was* it which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king
of Israel: *and* Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with *them*
10 *that were* slain. Then Ishmael carried away captive all the resi
due of the people that *were* in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters,
and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzar-adan
the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of
Ahikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away
captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites.
11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of
the forces that *were* with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael
12 the son of Nethaniah had done, 'then they took all the men, and
went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him
13 by the great waters that *are* in Gibeon. Now it came to pass,
that when all the people which *were* with Ishmael saw Johanan
the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that *were*
14 with him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael
had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned,
15 and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son
of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went
16 to the Ammonites. Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and
all the captains of the forces that *were* with him, all the remnant
of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of
Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after *that* he had slain Gedaliah the son
of Ahikam, *even* mighty men of war, and the women, and the
children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from
17 Gibeon: and they departed, and dwelt in the habitation of Chim
18 ham, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt, 'because

of the Chaldeans : for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

- 42 THEN all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people
2 from the least even unto the greatest, came near, 'and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant ; (for we are left *but* a few of many,
3 as thine eyes do behold us :) that the LORD thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may
4 do. Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, 'I have heard *you* ; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words ; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you ; I will keep
5 nothing back from you.' Then they said to Jeremiah, 'The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God
6 shall send thee to us. Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee ; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.'

- 7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD
8 came unto Jeremiah. Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which *were* with him,
9 and all the people from the least even to the greatest, 'and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your supplication before him ;

- 10 IF ye will still abide in this land,
Then will I build you, and not pull *you* down,
And I will plant you, and not pluck *you* up :
For I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you.
11 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid ;
Be not afraid of him, saith the LORD :
For I *am* with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand.
12 And I will show mercies unto you,
That he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land.
13 But if ye say, 'We will not dwell in this land,'
Neither obey the voice of the LORD your God,
14 Saying, 'No ; but we will go into the land of Egypt,
Where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet,
Nor have hunger of bread ; and there will we dwell :'
15 And now therefore hear the word of the LORD, ye remnant of Judah,
Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ;
If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there ;
16 Then it shall come to pass, *that* the sword, which ye feared,
Shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt,
And the famine, whereof ye were afraid,
Shall follow close after you there in Egypt ; and there ye shall die.
17 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there ;
They shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence :
And none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.
18 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ;
As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem ;
So shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt :
And ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment,
And a curse, and a reproach ; and ye shall see this place no more.
19 The LORD hath said concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah ; Go ye not into Egypt : know
certainly that I have admonished you this day.
20 For ye dissembled in your hearts, when ye sent me unto the LORD your God, saying, Pray

for us unto the LORD our God; and according unto all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it.

- 21 And now I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor any *thing* for the which he hath sent me unto you.
 22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go and to sojourn.

- 43 And it came to pass, *that* when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even*
 2 all these words, 'then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the LORD our God hath not
 3 sent thee to say, Go not into Egypt to sojourn there: but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they might put us to death,
 4 and carry us away captives into Babylon. So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the LORD, to dwell in the land of Judah.
 5 But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all nations, whither they had been driven, to dwell in the land of
 6 Judah; *even* men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch the son of Neriah. So they came into the land of Egypt: for they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: thus came they *even* to Tahpanhes.
 8 THEN came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick-kiln, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's
 9 house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; and say unto them,

- Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
 Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, And will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid;
 And he shall spread his royal pavilion over them.
 11 And when he cometh, he shall smite the land of Egypt,
And deliver such as are for death to death;
And such as are for captivity to captivity;
And such as are for the sword to the sword.
 12 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt;
 And he shall burn them, and carry them away captives:
 And he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment;
 And he shall go forth from thence in peace.
 13 He shall break also the images of Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt;
 And the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

- 44 THE word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwell at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, saying,

- 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein.
 3 Because of their wickedness, which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, *neither* they, ye, nor your fathers.
 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate.
 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods.

- 6 Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and desolate, as at this day.
- 7 Therefore now thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel; Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and suckling, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain;
- 8 In that ye provoke me unto wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whether ye be gone to dwell, that ye might cut yourselves off, and that ye might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth?
- 9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: They are not humbled unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.
- 11 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah.
- 12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed, and fall in the land of Egypt; they shall ever be consumed by the sword and by the famine: they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.
- 13 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence:
- 14 So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.
- 15 THEN all the men which knew that their wives had burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, even all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,
- 16 'As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name
- 17 of the LORD, we will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly do whatsoever thing goeth forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of victuals, and were well,
- 18 and saw no evil. But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword
- 19 and by the famine. And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink-offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her, without our men?'
- 20 THEN Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, and to all the people which had given him that answer, saying,
- 21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and came it not into his mind?
- 22 So that the LORD could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed: therefore is your land a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without an inhabitant, as at this day.
- 23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies: therefore this evil is happened unto you, as at this day.
- 24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah, that are in the land of Egypt:
- 25 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, 'We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her: ye will surely accomplish your vows, and surely perform your vows.'
- 26 Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt; Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the LORD, that my name shall no more be

named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD liveth.

27 Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until there be an end of them.

28 Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know whose words shall stand, mine, or their's.

29 And this shall be a sign unto you, saith the LORD, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely stand against you for evil:

30 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaoh-hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

45 **THE** word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch; Thou didst say, 'Woe is me now! for the LORD hath added grief to my sorrow; I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.' Thus shalt thou say unto him, The LORD saith thus;

Behold, that which I have built will I break down,

And that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land.

5 And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not:

For, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the LORD:

But thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 **THE** word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles; against Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle.

4 Harness the horses; and get up, ye horsemen,

And stand forth with *your* helmets;

Furbish the spears, *and* put on the brigandines.

5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed *and* turned away back?

And their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back

For fear was round about, saith the LORD.

6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape;

They shall stumble, and fall toward the north by the river Euphrates.

7 Who is this that cometh up as a flood, whose waters are moved as the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers;

And he saith, I will go up, *and* will cover the earth;

I will destroy the city and the inhabitants thereof.

9 Come up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth;

The Ethiopians and the Libyans, that handle the shield;

And the Lydians, that handle *and* bend the bow.

10 For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts,

A day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries:

And the sword shall devour, and it shall be satiate and made drunk with their blood:

For the Lord GOD of hosts hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates

11 Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt:

In vain shalt thou use many medicines; *for* thou shalt not be cured.

12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry hath filled the land:

For the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, *and* they are fallen both together.

3 **THE** word that the LORD spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come *and* smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol,

And publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes:

Say ye, 'Stand fast, and prepare thee;

For the sword shall devour round about thee.'

15 Why are thy valiant *men* swept away?

They stood not, because the LORD did drive them.

- 16 He made many to fall, yea, one fell upon another:
And they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people,
And to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword.
- 17 They did cry there. 'Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise;
He hath passed the time appointed.'
- 18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts,
Surely as Tabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel by the sea, so shall he come.
- 19 O thou daughter dwelling in Egypt, furnish thyself to go into captivity:
For Noph shall be waste and desolate without an inhabitant.
- 20 Egypt is like a very fair heifer,
But destruction cometh; it cometh out of the north.
- 21 Also her hired men are in the midst of her like fatted bullocks;
For they also are turned back, and are fled away together:
They did not stand, because the day of their calamity
Was come upon them, and the time of their visitation.
- 22 The voice thereof shall go like a serpent;
For they shall march with an army,
And come against her with axes, as hewers of wood.
- 23 They shall cut down her forest, saith the LORD, though it cannot be searched;
Because they are more than the grasshoppers, and are innumerable.
- 24 The daughter of Egypt shall be confounded;
She shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north.
- 25 The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saith;
Behold, I will punish the multitude of No,
And Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods, and their kings;
Even Pharaoh, and all them that trust in him:
- 26 And I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives,
And into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants:
And afterward it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the LORD.
- 27 But fear not thou, O my servant Jacob, and be not dismayed, O Israel:
For behold, I will save thee from afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity;
And Jacob shall return, and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid.
- 28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD; for I am with thee;
For I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee:
But I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure;
Yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

47 THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet
against the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza. Thus
saith the LORD;

- Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood,
And shall overflow the land, and all that is therein; the city, and them that dwell therein.
Then the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.
- 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses,
At the rushing of his chariots, and at the rumbling of his wheels,
The fathers shall not look back to their children for feebleness of hands;
- 4 Because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines,
And to cut off from Tyrus and Zidon every helper that remaineth:
For the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the country of Caphtor.
- 5 Baldness is come upon Gaza;
Ashkelon is cut off with the remnant of their valley:
How long wilt thou cut thyself?
- 6 O thou sword of the LORD, how long wilt it be ere thou be quiet?
Put up thyself into thy scabbard, rest, and be still.
- 7 How can it be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given it a charge against Ashkelon,
And against the sea-shore? there hath he appointed it.

48 AGAINST Moab thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of
Israel;

- Woe unto Nebo! for it is spoiled:
Kiriathaim is confounded and taken:
Misgab is confounded and dismayed.
- 2 There shall be no more praise of Moab:
In Heshbon they have devised evil against it;
Come, and let us cut it off from being a nation.
- Also thou shalt be cut down, O Madmen; the sword shall pursue thee.
- 3 A voice of crying shall be from Horonaim, spoiling and great destruction.
4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard.
- 5 For in the going up of Luhith continual weeping shall go up;
For in the going down of Horonaim the enemies have heard a cry of destruction.
- 6 Flee, save your lives, and be like the heath in the wilderness.
- 7 For because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou shalt also be taken:
And Chemosh shall go forth into captivity with his priests and his princes together.

- 8 And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape :
The valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD hath spoken.
- 9 Give wings unto Moab, that it may flee and get away :
For the cities thereof shall be desolate, without any to dwell therein.
- 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully,
And cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood.
- 11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees,
And hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity :
Therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed.
- 12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will send unto him wanderers, that shall cause him to wander,
And shall empty his vessels, and break their bottles.
- 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh,
As the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence.
- 14 How say ye, We are mighty and strong men for the war ?
- 15 Moab is spoiled, and gone up out of her cities,
And his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter,
Saith the King, whose name is the LORD of hosts.
- 16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast.
- 17 All ye that are about him, bemoan him ;
And all ye that know his name, say,
‘How is the strong staff broken, and the beautiful rod !’
- 18 Thou daughter that dost inhabit Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst ;
For the spoiler of Moab shall come upon thee, and he shall destroy thy strong holds.
- 19 O inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy ;
Ask him that flieth, and her that escapeth, and say, What is done ?
- 20 Moab is confounded ; for it is broken down :
Howl and cry ; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is spoiled.
- 21 And judgment is come upon the plain country ;
Upon Holon, and upon Jahazah, and upon Mephaath,
- 22 And upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim,
- 23 And upon Kirjathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon Beth-meon,
- 24 And upon Kerioth, and upon Bozrah,
And upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near.
- 25 The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, saith the LORD.
- 26 Make ye him drunken : for he magnified himself against the LORD :
Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision.
- 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee ? was he found among thieves
For since thou spakest of him, thou skippest for joy.
- 28 O ye that dwell in Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock,
And be like the dove that maketh her nest in the sides of the hole’s mouth.
- 29 We have heard the pride of Moab, (he is exceeding proud)
His loftiness, and his arrogance, and his pride, and the haughtiness of his heart.
- 30 I know his wrath, saith the LORD ;
But it shall not be so ; his lies shall not so effect it.
- 31 Therefore will I howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab ;
Mine heart shall mourn for the men of Kir-heres.
- 32 O vine of Sibmah, I will weep for thee with the weeping of Jazer :
Thy plants are gone over the sea, they reach even to the sea of Jazer :
The spoiler is fallen upon thy summer-fruits and upon thy vintage.
- 33 And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab ;
And I have caused wine to fail from the wine-presses :
- 34 None shall tread with shouting ; their shouting shall be no shouting.
From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh,
And even unto Jahaz, have they uttered their voice,
From Zoar even unto Horonaim, as an heifer of three years old :
For the waters also of Nimrim shall be desolate.
- 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith the LORD,
Him that offereth in the high places, and him that burneth incense to his gods.
- 36 Therefore mine heart shall sound for Moab like pipes,
And mine heart shall sound like pipes for the men of Kir-heres :
Because the riches that he hath gotten are perished.
- 37 For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped :
Upon all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth.
- 38 There shall be lamentation generally upon all the house-tops of Moab, and in the streets thereof :
For I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the LORD.
- 39 They shall howl, saying, ‘How is it broken down !
How hath Moab turned the back with shame !’
- So shall Moab be a derision and a dismay to all them about him.
- 40 For thus saith the LORD :
- 41 Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread his wings over Moab.
Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised,
And the mighty men’s hearts in Moab at that day
Shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

- 42 And Moab shall be destroyed from *being* a people,
Because he hath magnified *himself* against the LORD.
- 43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, *shall be* upon thee,
O inhabitant of Moab, saith the LORD.
- 44 He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit;
And he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare:
For I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.
- 45 They that fled stood under the shadow of Heshbon because of the force:
But a fire shall come forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon,
And shall devour the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones.
- 46 Woe be unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh perisheth:
For thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters captives.
- 47 Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the LORD.

Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

49 CONCERNING the Ammonites, thus saith the LORD;

- Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir?
Why *then* doth their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities?
- 2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
That I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the Ammonites;
And it shall be a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire:
Then shall Israel be heir unto them that were his heirs, saith the LORD.
- 3 Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled:
Cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth;
Lament, and run to and fro by the hedges;
For their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together.
- 4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter?
That trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come unto me?
- 5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord GOD of hosts,
From all those that be about thee;
And ye shall be driven out every man right forth;
And none shall gather up him that wandereth.
- 6 And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the LORD.

7 CONCERNING Edom, thus saith the LORD of hosts;

- Is wisdom no more in Teman?
Is counsel perished from the prudent?
Is their wisdom vanished?
- 8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitant's of Dedan;
For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him,
The time *that* I will visit him.
- 9 If grape-gatherers come to thee, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes?
If thieves by night, they will destroy till they have enough.
- 10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places,
And he shall not be able to hide himself:
His seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbors, and he is not.
- 11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve *them* alive;
And let thy widows trust in me.
- 12 For thus saith the LORD;
Behold, they whose judgment *was* not to drink of the cup have assuredly drunken
And *art* thou he *that* shall altogether go unpunished?
Thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink *of it*.
- 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the LORD,
That Bozrah shall become a desolation, a reproach, a waste, and a curse;
And all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.
- 14 I have heard a rumor from the LORD,
And an ambassador is sent unto the heathen, *saying*,
Gather ye together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle.
- 15 For, lo, I will make thee small among the heathen, *and* despised among men.
- 16 Thy terriblest hath deceived thee, *and* the pride of thine heart,
O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill:
Though thou shouldest make thy nest as high as the eagle,
I will bring thee down from thence, saith the LORD.
- 17 Also Edom shall be a desolation:
Every one that goeth by it shall be astonished,
And shall hiss at all the plagues thereof.
- 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah
And the neighbor *cities* thereof, saith the LORD,
No man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.
- 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan
Against the habitation of the strong:
But I will suddenly make him run away from her:
And who is a chosen *man*, *that* I may appoint over her

For who is like me? and who will appoint me the time?

And who is that shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom;

And his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman:

Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out:

Surely he shall make their habitations desolate with them.

21 The earth is moved at the noise of their fall:

At the cry, the noise thereof was heard in the Red sea.

22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread his wings over Bozrah:

And at that day shall the heart of the mighty men of Edom

Be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 CONCERNING Damascus:

Hamath is confounded, and Arpad: for they have heard evil tidings:

They are faint-hearted; *there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet.*

24 Damascus is waxed feeble, and turneth herself to flee, and fear hath seized on her:

Anguish and sorrows have taken her, as a woman in travail.

25 How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy!

26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets,

And all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD of hosts.

27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus,

And it shall consume the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 CONCERNING Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon shall smite, thus saith the LORD;

Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the men of the east.

29 Their tents and their flocks shall they take away:

They shall take to themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels;

And they shall cry unto them, Fear is on every side,

30 Flee, get you far off, dwell deep. O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD;

For Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you,

And hath conceived a purpose against you.

31 Arise, get you up unto the wealthy nation, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD.

Which have neither gates nor bars, *which dwell alone.*

32 And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil:

And I will scatter into all winds them *that are* in the utmost corners;

And I will bring their calamity from all sides thereof, saith the LORD.

33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling for dragons, *and a desolation for ever:*

There shall no man abide there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

34 THE word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of

35 Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might.

36 And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven,

And will scatter them toward all those winds:

And there shall be no nation whither the outcasts of Elam shall not come.

37 For I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies,

And before them that seek their life:

And I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD:

And I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them:

38 And I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence the king and the princes, saith the LORD.

39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, *that* I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

50 THE word that the LORD spake against Babylon, *and* against the land of the Chaldeans by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations, and publish, and set up a standard;

Publish, *and conceal not:* say, Babylon is taken,

Bel is confounded, Merodach is broken in pieces;

Her idols are confounded, her images are broken in pieces.

3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her,

Which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein:

They shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast.

4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD,

The children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together,

Going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward:

Saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD

In a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

- 6 My people hath been lost sheep : their shepherds have caused them to go astray,
 They have turned them away *on the mountains* ;
 They have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting-place.
- 7 All that found them have devoured them :
 And their adversaries said, We offend not,
 Because they have sinned against the LORD,
 The Habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers.
- 8 Remove out of the midst of Babylon,
 And go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans,
 And be as the he-goats before the flocks.
- 9 For, lo, I will raise and cause to come up against Babylon
 An assembly of great nations from the north country :
 And they shall set themselves in array against her ; from thence she shall be taken :
 Their arrows *shall be* as of a mighty expert man ; none shall return in vain.
- 10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil : all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.
- 11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage,
 Because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls ;
- 12 Your mother shall be sore confounded ;
 She that bare you shall be ashamed :
 Behold, the hindermost of the nations *shall be* a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert.
- 13 Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited,
 But it shall be wholly desolate :
 Every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues.
- 14 Put yourselves in array against Babylon round about :
 All ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, spare no arrows :
 For she hath sinned against the LORD.
- 15 Shout against her round about : she hath given her hand :
 Her foundations are fallen, her walls are thrown down :
 For it is the vengeance of the LORD : take vengeance upon her ; as she hath done, do
 unto her.
- 16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest :
 For fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people,
 And they shall flee every one to his own land.
- 17 Israel is a scattered sheep ; the lions have driven *him* away :
 First the king of Assyria hath devoured him ;
 And last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.
- 18 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel ;
 Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land,
 As I have punished the king of Assyria.
- 19 And I will bring Israel again to his habitation,
 And he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan,
 And his soul shall be satisfied upon mount Ephraim and Gilead.
- 20 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD,
 The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and *there shall be none* ;
 And the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found :
 For I will pardon them whom I reserve.
- 21 Go up against the land of Merathaim,
 Even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod :
 Waste and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD,
 And do according to all that I have commanded thee.
- 22 A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction.
- 23 How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken !
 How is Babylon become a desolation among the nations !
- 24 I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken,
 O Babylon, and thou wast not aware :
 Thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against the LORD.
- 25 The LORD hath opened his armory,
 And hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation :
 For this is the work of the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chaldeans.
- 26 Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses :
 Cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly : let nothing of her be left.
- 27 Slay all her bullocks ; let them go down to the slaughter :
 Woe unto them ! for their day is come, the time of their visitation.
- 28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon,
 To declare in Zion the vengeance of the Lord our GOD, the vengeance of his temple.
- 29 Call together the archers against Babylon :
 All ye that bend the bow, camp against it round about ;
 Let none thereof escape : recompense her according to her work ;
 According to all that she hath done, do unto her :
 For she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel.
- 30 Therefore shall her young men fall in the streets,
 And all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, saith the LORD.
- 31 Behold, I am against thee, O thou most proud, saith the Lord GOD of hosts :
 For thy day is come,
 The time *that* I will visit thee.

- 32 And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up :
And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all round about him.
- 33 Thus saith the LORD of hosts ;
The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together :
And all that took them captives held them fast ; they refused to let them go.
- 34 Their Redeemer is strong ; the LORD of hosts is his name :
He shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the land,
And disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon.
- 35 A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD,
And upon the inhabitants of Babylon.
And upon her princes, and upon her wise men.
- 36 A sword is upon the liars ; and they shall die :
A sword is upon her mighty men ; and they shall be dismayed.
- 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots.
And upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her ;
And they shall become as women :
A sword is upon her treasures ; and they shall be robbed.
- 38 A drought is upon her waters ; and they shall be dried up :
For it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols.
- 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there,
And the owls shall dwell therein : and it shall be no more inhabited for ever ;
Neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation.
- 40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah
And the neighbor cities thereof, saith the LORD ;
So shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.
- 41 Behold, a people shall come from the north, and a great nation,
And many kings shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth.
- 42 They shall hold the bow and the lance : they are cruel, and will not show mercy
Their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses,
Every one put in array, like a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon.
- 43 The king of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his hands waxed feeble :
Anguish took hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail.
- 44 Behold, he shall come up like a lion
From the swelling of Jordan unto the habitation of the strong :
But I will make them suddenly run away from her :
And who is a chosen man, that I may appoint over her ?
For who is like me ? and who will appoint me the time ?
And who is that shepherd that will stand before me ?
- 45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Babylon,
And his purposes that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans :
Surely the least of the flock shall draw them out :
Surely he shall make their habitation desolate with them.
- 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved,
And the cry is heard among the nations.
- 51 Thus saith the LORD ;
Behold, I will raise up against Babylon,
And against them that dwell in the midst of them that rise up against me, a destroying wind ;
And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land :
For in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about.
- 3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow,
And against him that lifteth himself up in his brigandine ;
And spare ye not her young men ; destroy ye utterly all her host.
- 4 Thus the slain shall fall in the land of the Chaldeans,
And they that are thrust through in her streets.
- 5 For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts ;
Though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel.
- 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and deliver every man his soul : be not cut off in her iniquity ;
For this is the time of the LORD'S vengeance : he will render unto her a recompense.
- 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken :
The nations have drunken of her wine ; therefore the nations are mad.
- 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed ; howl for her ;
Take balm for her pain, if so be she may be healed :
- 9 We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed :
Forsake her, and let us go every one into his own country :
For her judgment reacheth unto heaven, and is lifted up even to the skies.
- 10 The LORD hath brought forth our righteousness :
Come, and let us declare in Zion the work of the Lord our GOD.
- 11 Make bright the arrows ; gather the shields :
The LORD hath raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes :
For his device is against Babylon, to destroy it :
Because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of his temple.
- 12 Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon,

Make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes :

For the LORD hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

- 13 O thou that dwel'st upon many waters, abundant in treasures,
Thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness.
- 14 The LORD of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying,
Surely I will fill thee with men, as with caterpillars;
And they shall lift up a shout against thee.
- 15 He hath made the earth by his power,
He hath established the world by his wisdom,
And hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.
- 16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens;
And he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth:
He maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.
- 17 Every man is brutish by his knowledge;
Every founder is confounded by the graven image:
For his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.
- 18 They are vanity, the work of errors:
In the time of their visitation they shall perish.
- 19 The Portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the Former of all things:
And Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name.
- 20 Thou art my battle-ax and weapons of war:
For with thee will I break in pieces the nations,
And with thee will I destroy kingdoms;
- 21 And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider;
And with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider;
- 22 With thee also will I break in pieces man and woman;
And with thee will I break in pieces old and young;
And with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the maid;
- 23 I will also break in pieces with thee the shepherd and his flock;
And with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen;
And with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers.
- 24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea
All their evil that they have done in Zion, in your sight, saith the LORD.
- 25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain,
Saith the LORD, which destroyest every all the earth:
And I will stretch out mine hand upon thee,
And roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain.
- 26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations;
But thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith the LORD.
- 27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations,
Prepare the nations against her, call toge her against her the kingdoms of Ararat,
Minni, and Ashchenaz; appoint a captain against her;
Cause the horses to come up as the rough caterpillars.
- 28 Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, the captains thereof,
And all the rulers thereof, and all the land of his dominion.
- 29 And the land shall tremble and sorrow;
For every purpose of the LORD shall be performed against Babylon,
To make the land of Babylon a desolation without an inhabitant.
- 30 The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they have remained in their holds:
Their might hath failed; they became as women:
They have burned her dwelling-places; her bars are broken.
- 31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another,
To show the king of Babylon that his city is taken at one end,
And that the passages are stopped.
- 32 And the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.
- 33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:
The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor, it is time to thresh her:
Yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come.
- 34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me,
He hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel,
He hath swallowed me up like a dragon,
He hath filled his belly with my delicacies, he hath cast me out.
- 35 'The violence done to me and to my flesh is upon Babylon,'
Shall the inhabitant of Zion say:
'And my blood upon the inhabitants of Chaldea,' shall Jerusalem say.
- 36 Therefore thus saith the LORD:
Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee;
And I will dry up her sea, and make her springs dry.
- 37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for dragons,
An astonishment, and an hissing, without an inhabitant.
- 38 They shall roar together like lions: they shall yell as lions' whelps.
- 39 In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunken,
That they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the LORD.

- 40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.
 41 How is Sheshach taken! and how is the praise of the whole earth surprised!
 How is Babylon become an astonishment among the nations!
 42 The sea is come up upon Babylon:
 She is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof.
 43 Her cities are a desolation, a dry land, and a wilderness,
 A land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby.
 44 And I will punish Bel in Babylon,
 And I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up:
 And the nations shall not flow together any more unto him:
 Yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.
 45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her,
 And deliver ye every man his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD.
 46 And lest your heart faint, and ye fear for the rumor that shall be heard in the land;
 A rumor shall both come *one* year, and after that in *another* year
 Shall come a rumor, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler.
 47 Therefore, behold, the days come,
 That I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon;
 And her whole land shall be confounded, and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her
 48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for Babylon:
 For the spoiler shall come unto her from the north, saith the LORD.
 49 As Babylon *hath* caused the slain of Israel to fall,
 So at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the earth.
 50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go away, stand not still:
 Remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind.
 51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach:
 Shame hath covered our faces;
 For strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the LORD'S house.
 52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
 That I will do judgment upon her graven images:
 And through all her land the wounded shall groan.
 53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven,
 And though she should fortify the height of her strength,
 Yet from me shall spoilers come unto her, saith the LORD.
 54 A sound of a cry cometh from Babylon,
 And great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans:
 55 Because the LORD hath spoiled Babylon, and destroyed out of her the great voice;
 When her waves do roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered:
 56 Because the spoiler is come upon her, *even* upon Babylon,
 And her mighty men are taken, every one of their bows is broken:
 For the LORD God of recompenses shall surely requite.
 57 And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise *men*,
 Her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men:
 And they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake,
 Saith the king, whose name is the LORD of hosts.
 58 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
 The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly broken,
 And her high gates shall be burned with fire;
 And the people shall labor in vain, and the folk in the fire, and they shall be weary.

- 59 THE word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah
 the son of Neriah, the son of Maaseiah, when he went with
 Zedekiah the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of
 60 his reign. And *this* Seraiah was a quiet prince. 'So Jeremiah
 wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even*
 61 all these words that are written against Babylon. And Jeremiah
 said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, and shalt see,
 62 and shalt read all these words; then shalt thou say, O LORD,
 thou hast spoken against this place, to cut it off, that none shall
 remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate
 63 for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of read-
 ing this book, *that* thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into
 64 the midst of Euphrates: and thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon
 sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her:
 and they shall be weary.

THUS FAR are THE WORDS OF JEREMIAH.

52 ZEDEKIAH was one-and-twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.

2 And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of the LORD it came to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, *that* Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it, and built forts against it round about. So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which *was* by the king's garden: (now the Chaldeans *were* by the city round about;) and they went by the way of the plain. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and all his army was scattered from him. Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah, in the land of Hamath: where he gave judgment upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. Then he put out the eyes of Zedekiah: and the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death. Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which *was* the nineteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, came Nebuzar-adan, captain of the guard, *which* served the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem, and burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*, burned he with fire: and all the army of the Chaldeans, that *were* with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. Then Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive *certain* of the poor of the people, and the residue of the people that remained in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. But Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard left *certain* of the poor of the land for vine-dressers and for husbandmen. Also the pillars of brass that *were* in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brazen sea that *was* in the house of the LORD, the Chaldeans brake, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the basons, and the fire-pans, and the bowls, and the caldrons, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the cups; *that which was* of gold *in* gold, and *that which was* of silver *in* silver, took the captain of the guard away. The two pillars, one

sea, and twelve brazen bulls that *were* under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD: the brass
21 of all these vessels was without weight. And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar *was* eighteen cubits; and a fillet of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof *was*
22 four fingers: *it was* hollow. And a chapter of brass *was* upon it; and the height of one chapter *was* five cubits, with net-work and pomegranates upon the chapters round about, all of brass. The second pillar also and the pomegranates *were* like unto
23 these. And there were ninety and six pomegranates on a side; *and* all the pomegranates upon the net-work *were* an hundred
24 round about. And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three
25 keepers of the door: he took also out of the city an eunuch, which had the charge of the men of war; and seven men of them that were near the king's person, which were found in the city; and the principal scribe of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the
26 land, that were found in the midst of the city. So Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the
27 king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Hamath. Thus Judah was carried away captive out of his own land.
28 This *is* the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand Jews and three-and-twenty:
29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons: in
30 the three-and-twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzar-adan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons *were* four thou-
31 sand and six hundred. And it came to pass in the seven-and-thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five-and-twentieth *day* of the month, *that* Evil-merodach king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him
32 forth out of prison, 'and spake kindly unto him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that *were* with him in Babylon,
33 'and changed his prison garments: and he did continually eat bread before him all the days of his life. And *for* his diet, there
34 was a continual diet given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

- 1** **HOW** doth the city sit solitary, *that was full of people!*
How is she become as a widow! she *that was* great among the nations,
And princess among the provinces, *how* is she become tributary!
- 2** She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks:
 Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her:
 All her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.
- 3** Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude:
 She dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest:
 All her persecutors overtook her between the straits.
- 4** The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn feasts:
 All her gates are desolate:
 Her priests sigh, her virgins are afflicted, and she is in bitterness.
- 5** Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper;
 For the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions:
 Her children are gone into captivity before the enemy.
- 6** And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed:
 Her princes are become like harts *that find* no pasture,
 And they are gone without strength before the pursuer.
- 7** Jerusalem remembered in the days of her affliction and of her miseries
 All her pleasant things that she had in the days of old,
 When her people fell into the hand of the enemy, and none did help her:
 The adversaries saw her, and did mock at her sabbaths.
- 8** Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is removed:
 All that honored her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness:
 Yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.
- 9** Her filthiness is in her skirts; she remembereth not her last end;
 Therefore she came down wonderfully: she had no comforter.
 O LORD, behold my affliction: for the enemy hath magnified *himself*.
- 10** The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things:
 For she hath seen *that* the heathen entered into her sanctuary,
 Whom thou didst command *that* they should not enter into thy congregation.
- 11** All her people sigh, they seek bread;
 They have given their pleasant things for meat, to relieve the soul:
 See, O LORD, and consider: for I am become vile.
- 12** *Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?*
 Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow,
 Which is done unto me, wherewith the LORD hath afflicted *me* in the day of his fierce anger.
- 13** From above hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them:
 He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back:
 He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
- 14** The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand:
 They are wearied, and come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to fall,
 The LORD hath delivered me into *their* hands, from *whom* I am not able to rise up.
- 15** The LORD hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me;
 He hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men:
 The LORD hath trodden the virgin, the daughter of Judah, as in a wine-press.
- 16** For these *things* I weep: mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water,
 Because the comforter that should relieve my soul is far from me:
 My children are desolate, because the enemy prevailed.
- 17** Zion spreadeth forth her hands, and there is none to comfort her:
 The LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, *that* his adversaries should be round about him:
 Jerusalem is as a menstruous woman among them.
- 18** The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment:
 Hear, I pray you, all people, and behold my sorrow:
 My virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.
- 19** I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me:
 My priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city,
 While they sought their meat to relieve their souls.
- 20** Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress: my bowels are troubled;
 Mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled:
 Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home *there is* as death.
- 21** They have heard that I sigh: *there is* none to comfort me:
 All mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done *it*:
 Thou wilt bring the day *that* thou hast called, and they shall be like unto me.
- 22** Let all their wickedness come before thee;
 And do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions:
 For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

- 2 How hath the LORD covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger,
And cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel,
And remembered not his footstool in the day of his anger!
- 2 The LORD hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied:
He hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah;
He hath brought them down to the ground: he hath polluted the kingdom and the
princes thereof.
- 3 He hath cut off in his fierce anger all the horn of Israel:
He hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy,
And he burned against Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about.
- 4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy:
He stood with his right hand as an adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eye
In the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion: he poured out his fury like fire.
- 5 The Lord was as an enemy: he hath swallowed up Israel,
He hath swallowed up all her palaces: he hath destroyed his strong holds,
And hath increased in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.
- 6 And he hath violently taken away his tabernacle, as if it were of a garden:
He hath destroyed his places of the assembly:
The LORD hath caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths to be forgotten in Zion,
And hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.
- 7 The LORD hath cast off his altar, he hath adorned his sanctuary,
He hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces;
They have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn feast.
- 8 The LORD hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion:
He hath stretched out a line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from destroying:
Therefore he made the rampart and the wall to lament; they languished together.
- 9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars:
Her king and her princes are among the Gentiles: the law is no more;
Her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.
- 10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, and keep silence:
They have cast up dust upon their heads: they have girded themselves with sackcloth:
The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.
- 11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled,
My liver is poured upon the earth, for the destruction of the daughter of my people;
Because the children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.
- 12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine?
When they swooned as the wounded in the streets of the city,
When their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.
- 13 What thing shall I take to witness for thee?
What thing shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion?
For thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?
- 14 Thy prophets have seen vain and foolish things for thee:
And they have not discovered thine iniquity, to turn away thy captivity;
But have seen for thee false burdens and causes of banishment.
- 15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee;
They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying,
'Is this the city that men call The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?'
- 16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth against thee:
They hiss and gnash the teeth: they say, 'We have swallowed her up:
Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.'
- 17 The LORD hath done that which he had devised;
He hath fulfilled his word that he had commanded in the days of old:
He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied:
And he hath caused thine enemy to rejoice over thee;
He hath set up the horn of thine adversaries.
- 18 Their heart cried unto the LORD, O wall of the daughter of Zion,
Let tears run down like a river day and night:
Give thyself no rest: let not the apple of thine eye cease.
- 19 Arise, cry out in the night: in the beginning of the watches
Pour out thine heart like water before the face of the LORD: lift up thy hands toward
him
For the life of thy young children, that faint for hunger in the top of every street.
- 20 Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this.
Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long?
Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the LORD?
- 21 The young and the old lie on the ground in the streets:
My virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword:
Thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger: thou hast killed, and not pitied.
- 22 Thou hast called as in a solemn day my terrors round about,
So that in the day of the LORD'S anger mine escape nor remained:
Those that I have swaddled and brought up, thine enemy consumed.
- 3 I AM the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.
2 He hath led me, and brought me into darkness, but not into light.
3 Surely against me he is turned; he turneth his hand against me all the day.

- 4 My flesh and my skin hath he made old ; he hath broken my bones.
 5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.
 6 He hath set me in dark places, as *they that be dead of old*.
 7 He hath hedged me about, that I cannot get out : he hath made my chain heavy.
 8 Also when I cry and shout, he shutteth out my prayer.
 9 He hath inclosed my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.
 10 He was unto me as a bear lying in wait, and as a lion in secret places.
 11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces : he hath made me desolate.
 12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
 13 He hath caused the arrows of his quiver to enter into my reins.
 14 I was a derision to all my people ; and their song all the day.
 15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath made me drunken with wormwood.
 16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel-stones, he hath covered me with ashes.
 17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace : I forgot prosperity.
 18 And I said, My strength and my hope is perished from the LORD :
 19 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
 20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is lumbled in me.
 21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.
 22 *It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.*
 23 *They are new every morning : great is thy faithfulness.*
 24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul ; therefore will I hope in him.
 25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.
 26 *It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.*
 27 *It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.*
 28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.
 29 He putteth his mouth in the dust ; if so be there may be hope.
 30 He giveth *his* cheek to him that smiteth him : he is filled full with reproach.
 31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever :
 32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.
 33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.
 34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,
 35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,
 36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.
 37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, *when the LORD commandeth it not ?*
 38 Out of the mouth of the Most High proceedeth not evil and good ?
 39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins ?
 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.
 41 Let us lift up our heart with *our* hands unto God in the heavens.
 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled : thou hast not pardoned.
 43 Thou hast covered with anger, and persecuted us : thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.
 44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, *thou* *our* prayer should not pass through
 45 Thou hast made us *as* the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the people.
 46 All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.
 47 Fear and a snare is come upon us, desolation and destruction.
 48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
 49 Mine eye trickleth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,
 50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.
 51 Mine eye affecteth mine heart because of all the daughters of my city.
 52 Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause.
 53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and cast a stone upon me.
 54 Waters flowed over mine head : *then* I said, I am cut off.
 55 I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the low dungeon.
 56 Thou hast heard my voice : hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.
 57 Thou drewest near in the day *that* I called upon thee : thou saidst, Fear not.
 58 O LORD, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul : thou hast redeemed my life.
 59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong : judge thou my cause.
 60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance *and* all their imaginations against me.
 61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, *and* all their imaginations against me ;
 62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.
 63 Behold their sitting down, and their rising up ; I *am* their music.
 64 Render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.
 65 Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them.
 66 Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heavens of the LORD.
 4 *How is the gold become dim ! how is the most fine gold changed !*
 2 The stones of the sanctuary are poured out in the top of every street,
 How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter !
 3 Even the sea-monsters draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones :
 The daughter of my people *is become* cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
 4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst :
 The young children ask bread, *and* no man breaketh it unto them.
 5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets :
 They that were brought up in scarlet embrace dung-hills.

- 6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom,
That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her.
- 7 Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk,
They were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire,
8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets:
Their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.
- 9 They that eat be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger:
For these pine away, sicken through *for want* of the fruit of the field.
- 10 The hands of the pious women have smitten their own children:
They were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
- 11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury; he hath poured out his fierce anger,
And hath kindled a fire in Zion, and it hath devoured the foundations thereof.
- 12 The kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world,
Would not have believed that the adversary and the enemy should have entered in
gates of Jerusalem.
- 13 For the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests,
That have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her,
- 14 They have wandered as blind men in the streets.
They have polluted themselves with blood, so that men could not touch their garments.
- 15 They cried unto them, Depart ye; it is unclean; depart, depart, touch not;
When they fled away and wandered, they said among the heathen, They shall no more
sojourn there.
- 16 The anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them:
They respected not the persons of the priests, they favored not the elders.
- 17 As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help:
In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save us.
- 18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets:
Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.
- 19 Our persecutors are swifter than the eagles of the heaven:
They pursued us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.
- 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits,
Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the heathen.
- 21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz;
The cup also shall pass through unto thee: thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thy
self naked.
- 22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more
carry thee away into captivity;
He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will discover thy sins.
- 5 REMEMBER, O LORD, what is come upon us:
Consider, and behold our reproach.
- 2 Our inheritance is turned to strangers,
Our houses to aliens.
- 3 We are orphans and fatherless,
Our mothers are as widows.
- 4 We have drunken our water for money;
Our wood is sold unto us.
- 5 Our necks are under persecution:
We labor, and have no rest.
- 6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians,
And to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.
- 7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not;
And we have borne their iniquities.
- 8 Servants have ruled over us:
There is none that doth deliver us out of their hand.
- 9 We eat our bread with the peril of our lives
Because of the sword of the wilderness.
- 10 Our skin was black like an oven
Because of the terrible famine.
- 11 They ravished the women in Zion,
And the maids in the cities of Judah.
- 12 Princes are hanged up by their hand:
The faces of elders were not honored.
- 13 They took the young men to grind,
And the children fell under the wood.
- 14 The elders have ceased from the gate,
The young men from their music.
- 15 The joy of our heart is ceased;
Our dance is turned into mourning.
- 16 The crown is fallen from our head:
Woe unto us, that we have sinned!
- 17 For this our heart is faint;
For these things our eyes are dim.
- 18 Because of the mountain of Zion,
Which is desolate, the foxes walk upon it.

- 19 Thou, O LORD, remainest for ever;
 Thy throne from generation to generation.
 20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever,
And forsake us so long time?
 21 Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and we shall be turned;
 Renew our days as of old.
 22 But thou hast utterly rejected us;
 Thou art very wroth against us.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL.

- 1 **NOW** it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*,
 in the fifth *day* of the month, as I *was* among the captives by the
 river of Chebar, *that* the heavens were opened, and I saw visions
 2 of God. In the fifth *day* of the month, which *was* the fifth year
 3 of king Jehoiachin's captivity, the word of the LORD came
 expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of
 the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD
 was there upon him.
 4 **AND** I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north,
 a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness *was*
 5 about it, and out of the midst thereof as the color of amber, out
 of the midst of the fire. Also out of the midst thereof *came* the
 likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance;
 6 they had the likeness of a man. And every one had four faces,
 7 and every one had four wings. And their feet *were* straight feet;
 the sole of their feet *was* like the sole of a calf's foot: and they
 8 sparkled like the color of burnished brass. And *they had* the
 hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they
 9 four had their faces and their wings. Their wings *were* joined
 one to another; they turned not when they went; they went
 10 every one straight forward. As for the likeness of their faces,
 they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the
 right side; and they four had the face of an ox on the left side;
 11 they four also had the face of an eagle. Thus *were* their faces:
 and their wings *were* stretched upward; two *wings* of every one
 12 *were* joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. And
 they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to
 13 go, they went; *and* they turned not when they went. As for
 the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance *was* like
 burning coals of fire, *and* like the appearance of lamps: it went
 up and down among the living creatures; and the fire *was*
 14 bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. And the living
 creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of light-
 15 ning. Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold one wheel
 16 upon the earth by the living creatures, with his four faces. The
 appearance of the wheels and their work *was* like unto the color
 of a beryl: and they four had one likeness: and their appear-
 ance and their work *was* as it were a wheel in the middle of a

17 wheel. When they went, they went upon their four sides: *and*
18 they turned not when they went. As for their rings, they were
so high that they were dreadful; and their rings *were* full of eyes
19 round about them four. And when the living creatures went,
the wheels went by them: and when the living creatures were
20 lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. Whither-
soever the spirit was to go, they went, thither *was* their spirit to
go; and the wheels were lifted up over-against them: for the
21 spirit of the living creature *was* in the wheels. When those
went, *these* went; and when those stood, *these* stood; and when
those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up
over-against them: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in
22 the wheels. And the likeness of the firmament upon the heads
of the living creature *was* as the color of the terrible crystal,
23 stretched forth over their heads above. And under the firma-
ment *were* their wings straight, the one toward the other: every
one had two, which covered on this side, and every one had two,
24 which covered on that side, their bodies. And when they went,
I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters,
as the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, as the noise
25 of an host: when they stood, they let down their wings. And
there was a voice from the firmament that *was* over their heads,
26 when they stood, *and* had let down their wings. And above the
firmament that *was* over their heads *was* the likeness of a throne,
as the appearance of a sapphire-stone: and upon the likeness of
the throne *was* the likeness as the appearance of a man above
27 upon it. And I saw as the color of amber, as the appearance of
fire round about within it, from the appearance of his loins even
upward, and from the appearance of his loins even downward,
I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness
28 round about. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud
in the day of rain, so *was* the appearance of the brightness round
about.

THIS *was* the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the
LORD. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a
2 voice of one that spake. And he said, unto me, 'Son of man,
2 stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee.' And the spirit
entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my
3 feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me,
Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled
against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, *even* unto this very day.
4 For *they are* impudent children and stiff-hearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt
say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.
5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for *they are* a rebellious
house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.
6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briers
and thorns *be* with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their
words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though *they be* a rebellious house.
7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will
forbear: for *they are* most rebellious.
8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious
house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.
9 And when I looked, behold, an hand *was* sent unto me; and, lo,
10 a roll of a book *was* therein; 'and he spread it before me: and
it was written within and without: and *there was* written therein

3 lamentations, and mourning, and woe. Moreover he said unto me, 'Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go
2 speak unto the house of Israel.' So I opened my mouth, and he
3 caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me, 'Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee.' Then did I eat *it*; and it was in my mouth as honey
4 for sweetness. And he said unto me,

Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them.
5 For thou *art* not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, *but* to the house of Israel;
6 Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee.
7 But the house of Israel will not hearken *unto* thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel *are* impudent and hardhearted.
8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their faces, and thy forehead strong against their foreheads.
9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they *be* a rebellious house.

10 Moreover he said unto me,

Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and hear with
thine ears.
11 And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, 'Thus saith the Lord GOD;' whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed *be* the glory of the LORD from
13 his place. *I heard* also the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels
14 over-against them, and a noise of a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the
heat of my spirit; but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.
15 THEN I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river of Chebar, and I sat where they sat, and remained
16 there astonished among them seven days. And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the LORD came unto
me, saying,

17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.
18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked
man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
20 Again, when a righteous *man* doth turn from his righteousness and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumbling-block before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous *man*, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned: also thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 AND the hand of the LORD was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with
23 thee. Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, as the glory which I saw by
24 the river of Chebar: and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet, and spake with me, and said unto me,

25 Go, shut thyself within thine house. 'But thou, O son of man, behold, they shall put bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them:
26 And I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they *are* a rebellious house.

- 27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.
- 4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even Jerusalem:
- 2 And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set *battering-rams* against it round about.
- 3 Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.
- 4 Lie thou also upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.
- 5 For I have laid upon thee the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.
- 6 And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: I have appointed thee each day for a year.
- 7 Therefore thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and thine arm shall be uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it.
- 8 And, behold, I will lay hands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast ended the days of thy siege.
- 9 TAKE thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
- 10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.
- 11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
- 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.
- 13 And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.
- 14 Then said I, 'Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.' Then he said unto me, 'Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith.' Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with care; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: That they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and consume away for their iniquity.
- 5 AND thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair.
- 2 Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind: and I will draw out a sword after them.
- 3 Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts.
- 4 Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.
- 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD; This is Jerusalem: I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.
- 6 And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: For they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them.
- 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye multiplied more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgments, Neither have done according to the judgments of the nations that are round about you;
- 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against thee, And will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.
- 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, And whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.
- 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, And the sons shall eat their fathers; And I will execute judgments in thee, And the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds.
- 11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things,

- And with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee ;
 Neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity.
- 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence.
 And with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee ;
 And a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee ;
 And I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them.
- 13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished,
 And I will cause my fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted ;
 And they shall know that I the LORD have spoken it in my zeal,
 When I have accomplished my fury in them.
- 14 Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.
- 15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction,
 And an astonishment unto the nations that are round about thee,
 When I shall execute judgments in thee in anger and in fury
 And in furious rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it.
- 16 When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine,
 Which shall be for their destruction, and which I will send to destroy you ;
 And I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread ;
- 17 So will I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee ;
 And pestilence and blood shall pass through thee ;
 And I will bring the sword upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it.
- 6 AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ' Son of
 3 man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy
 against them, and say,
- Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD ;
 Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains,
 And to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys ;
 Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you,
 And I will destroy your high places.
- 4 And your altars shall be desolate, and your images shall be broken :
 And I will cast down your slain men before your idols.
- 5 And I will lay the dead carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols ;
 And I will scatter your bones round about your altars.
- 6 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid waste,
 And the high places shall be desolate ;
 That your altars may be laid waste and made desolate,
 And your idols may be broken and cease.
- And your images may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.
- 7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you,
 And ye shall know that I am the LORD.
- 8 Yet will I leave a remnant, that ye may have some
 That shall escape the sword among the nations,
 When ye shall be scattered through the countries.
- 9 And they that escape of you shall remember me
 Among the nations whither they shall be carried captives,
 Because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me,
 And with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols :
 And they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their
 abominations
- 10 And they shall know that I am the LORD,
 And that I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.
- 11 Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot,
 And say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel !
 For they shall fall by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence.
- 12 He that is far off shall die of the pestilence ;
 And he that is near shall fall by the sword ;
 And he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine :
 Thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.
- 13 Then shall ye know that I am the LORD.
 When their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars,
 Upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains,
 And under every green tree, and under every thick oak,
 The place where they did offer sweet savour to all their idols.
- 14 So will I stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate.
 Yea, more desolate than the wilderness toward Bבלath, in all their habitations !
 And they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 7 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 2 Also, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD unto the land
 of Israel ;

- An end, the end is come upon the four corners of the land.
 3 Now is the end *come* upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee,
 And will judge thee according to thy ways.
 And will recompense upon thee all thine abominations.
 4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity:
 But I will recompense thy ways upon thee,
 And thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee;
 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD;
 An evil, an only evil, behold, is come.
 6 An end is come, the end is come:
 It watcheth for thee; behold, it is come.
 7 The morning is come unto thee, O thou that dwellest in the land:
 The time is come, the day of trouble is near,
 And not the sounding again of the mountains.
 8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee,
 And accomplish mine anger upon thee:
 And I will judge thee according to thy ways.
 And will recompense thee for all thine abominations.
 9 And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity:
 I will recompense thee according to thy ways and thine abominations *that are in the*
 midst of thee;
 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD that smiteth.
 10 Behold the day, behold, it is come: the morning is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed,
 pride hath budded.
 11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness:
 None of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of their's:
 Neither *shall there be* wailing for them.
 12 The time is come, the day draweth near:
 Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn:
 For wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.
 13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were yet alive:
 For the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, *which* shall not return;
 Neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.
 14 They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready;
 But none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.
 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within:
 He that is in the field shall die with the sword;
 And he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him.
 16 But they that escape of them shall escape,
 And shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys,
 All of them mourning, every one for his iniquity.
 17 All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak *as* water.
 18 They shall also gird *themselves* with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them;
 And shame *shall be* upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads.
 19 They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed:
 Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of
 the LORD:
 They shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels:
 Because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity.
 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, he set it in majesty:
 But they made the images of their abominations *and* of their detestable things therein:
 Therefore have I set it far from them.
 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey,
 And to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall pollute it.
 22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall pollute my secret *place*:
 For the robbers shall enter into it, and defile it.
 23 Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.
 24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses:
 I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease;
 And their holy places shall be defiled.
 25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be none*.
 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor;
 Then shall they seek a vision of the prophet;
 But the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the ancients.
 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation,
 And the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled:
 I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them;
 And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 8 **AND** it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in
 the fifth *day* of the month, *as* I sat in mine house, and the elders
 of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord GOD fell there
 upon me. Then I beheld, and lo a likeness as the appearance

- of fire: from the appearance of his loins even downward, fire; and from his loins even upward, as the appearance of brightness, as the color of amber. And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north; where *was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel *was* there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.
- Then said he unto me, 'Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north.' So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. He said furthermore unto me, 'Son of man, seest thou what they do? *even* the great abominations that the house of Israel committeih here, that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations.' And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. Then said he unto me, 'Son of man, dig now in the wall:' and when I had digged in the wall, behold a door. And he said unto me, 'Go in, and behold the wicked abominations that they do here.' So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the ancients of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censer in his hand; and a thick cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, 'Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? for they say, "The LORD seeth us not: the LORD hath forsaken the earth."'
- HE said also unto me, 'Turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations that they do.' Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD'S house which *was* toward the north; and, behold, there sat women weeping for Tammuz.
- Then said he unto me, 'Hast thou seen *this*. O son of man? turn thee yet again, *and* thou shalt see greater abominations than these.'
- AND he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, *were* about five-and-twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east.
- Then he said unto me, 'Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man?

Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here: for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to their nose.

- Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.'

- HE cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, 'Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand.' And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward

- the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them *was* clothed with linen, with a writer's ink-horn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the
3 brazen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which *had*
4 the writer's ink-horn by his side; and the LORD said unto him, 'Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof.
5 And to the others he said in mine hearing, 'Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have
6 ye pity: slay utterly old *and* young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom *is* the mark; and begin at my sanctuary.' Then they began at the
7 ancient men which *were* before the house. And he said unto them, 'Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye
8 forth.' And they went forth, and slew in the city. 'And it came to pass, while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, 'Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury
9 upon Jerusalem? Then said he unto me,

The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, 'The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not.

- 10 And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will recompense their way upon their head.
11 And behold, the man clothed with linen, which *had* the ink-horn by his side, reported the matter, saying, 'I have done as thou hast commanded me.'
12 THEN I looked, and, behold, in the firmament that was above the head of the cherubims there appeared over them as it were a sapphire-stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne.
2 And he spake unto the man clothed with linen, and said, 'Go in between the wheels, *even* under the cherub, and fill thine hand with coals of fire from between the cherubims, and scatter *them*
3 over the city. And he went in in my sight. 'Now the cherubims stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in;
4 and the cloud filled the inner court. Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub, *and stood* over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the
5 court was full of the brightness of the LORD'S glory. And the sound of the cherubims' wings was heard *even* to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh. And it
6 came to pass, *that* when he had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, 'Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubims;' then he went in, and stood beside the wheels. And *one* cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubims unto the fire that *was* between the cherubims, and took *thereof*, and put *it* into the hands of *him that was* clothed with linen: who took *it*, and went out.

AND there appeared in the cherubims the form of a man's

9 hand under their wings. And when I looked, behold the four wheels by the cherubims, one wheel by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels
 10 *was* as the color of a beryl-stone. And *as for* their appearances, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst
 11 of a wheel. When they went, they went upon their four sides; they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head
 12 looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, *were* full of eyes round about, *even* the
 13 wheels that they four had. As for the wheels, it was cried unto them in my hearing, 'O wheel.' And every one had four faces: the first face *was* the face of a cherub, and the second face *was* the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth
 15 the face of an eagle. 'And the cherubims were lifted up. This
 16 *is* the living creature that I saw by the river of Chebar. And when the cherubims went, the wheels went by them: and when the cherubims lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth,
 17 the same wheels also turned not from beside them. When they stood, *these* stood; and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted up themselves *also*: for the spirit of the living creature *was* in them.
 18 Then the glory of the LORD departed from off the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubims. And the cherubims lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight: when they went out, the wheels also *were* beside them, and *every one* stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD'S house; and
 20 the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them above. This *is* the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river of Chebar; and I knew that they *were* the cherubims. Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings, and the likeness of the hands of a man *was* under their wings. And the likeness of their faces *was* the same faces which I saw by the river of Chebar, their appearances and themselves: they went every one straight forward.

11 MOREOVER the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD'S house, which looketh eastward: and behold at the door of the gate five-and-twenty men; among whom I saw Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. Then said he unto me, 'Son of man, these *are* the men that devise mischief, and give wicked
 3 counsel in this city: which say, "*It is not near; let us build houses: this city is the caldron, and we be the flesh.*" Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.'
 5 AND the spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak;

Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel:

For I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of them.*

6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city,

And ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain.

7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;

Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it,

They *are* the flesh, and this city *is* the caldron:

But I will bring you forth out of the midst of it.

- 8 Ye have feared the sword ; and I will bring a sword upon you, saith the Lord GOD.
 9 And I will bring you out of the midst thereof,
 And deliver you into the hands of strangers,
 And will execute judgments among you.
- 10 Ye shall fall by the sword ; I will judge you in the border of Israel ;
 And ye shall know that I am the LORD.
- 11 This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof,
 But I will judge you in the border of Israel :
- 12 And ye shall know that I am the LORD :
 For ye have not walked in my statutes, neither executed my judgments,
 But have done after the manners of the heathen that are round about you.
- 13 And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?
- 14 AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 15 Son of man, thy brethren, *even* thy brethren,
 The men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly,
Are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said,
 Get you far from the LORD : unto us is this land given in possession.
- 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Although I have cast them far off among the heathen,
 And although I have scattered them among the countries,
 Yet will I be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come.
- 17 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 I will even gather you from the people,
 And assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered,
 And I will give you the land of Israel.
- 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away
 All the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence.
- 19 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you ;
 And I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh :
- 20 That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them :
 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.
- 21 But *as for them* whose heart walketh after the heart
 Of their detestable things and their abominations,
 I will recompense their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord GOD.
- 22 Then did the cherubims lift up their wings, and the wheels
 beside them : and the glory of the God of Israel *was* over them
 23 above. And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of
 the city, and stood upon the mountain which *is* on the east side
 24 of the city. Afterwards the spirit took me up, and brought me
 in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the cap-
 25 tivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 'Then
 I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the LORD
 had showed me.
- 12 THE word of the LORD also came unto me, saying,
 2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of a rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and
 see not ; they have ears to hear, and hear not : for they *are* a rebellious house.
- 3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their
 sight ; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight : it may be
 they will consider, though they be a rebellious house.
- 4 Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing : and thou
 shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity.
- 5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby.
- 6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight : thou
 shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground : for I have set thee *for* a sign unto the
 house of Israel.
- 7 And I did so as I was commanded : I brought forth my stuff by
 day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the
 wall with mine hand ; I brought *it* forth in the twilight, and I
 8 bare *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight. And in the morning
 9 came the word of the LORD unto me, saying, ' Son of man, hath

not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee,
 10 What doest thou? Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord
 GOD;

*This burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem,
 And all the house of Israel that are among them.*

11 Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them:
They shall remove and go into captivity.

12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the twilight, and shall
 go forth:

They shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby.

He shall cover his face, that he see not the ground with his eyes.

13 My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare:

And I will bring him to Babylon, to the land of the Chaldeans;

Yet shall he not see it, though he shall die there.

14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are about him to help him,

And all his bands: and I will draw out the sword after them.

15 And they shall know that I am the LORD,

When I shall scatter them among the nations,

And disperse them in the countries.

16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword,

From the famine, and from the pestilence;

That they may declare all their abominations among the heathen whither they come;

And they shall know that I am the LORD.

17 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water
 19 with trembling and with carefulness; and say unto the people
 of the land,

Thus saith the Lord GOD

Of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel;

They shall eat their bread with carefulness,

And drink their water with astonishment,

That her land may be desolate from all that is therein,

Because of the violence of all them that dwell therein.

20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste,

And the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

21 AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of
 man, what is that proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, say-
 22 ing, 'The days are prolonged, and every vision faileth?' Tell
 them therefore,

Thus saith the Lord GOD;

I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel;

But say unto them, The days are at hand, and the effect of every vision.

24 For there shall be no more any vain vision

Nor flattering divination within the house of Israel.

25 For I am the LORD: I will speak,

And the word that I shall speak shall come to pass;

It shall be no more prolonged:

For in your days, O rebellious house, will I say the word,

And will perform it, saith the Lord GOD.

26 Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say,

The vision that he seeth is for many days to come,

And he propheseth of the times that are far off.

28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

There shall none of my words be prolonged any more.

But the word which I have spoken shall be done, saith the Lord GOD.

13 AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of
 man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and
 say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear
 ye the word of the LORD;

3 *Thus saith the Lord GOD;*

Woe unto the foolish prophets,

That follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!

4 *O Israel, thy prophets are like the foxes in the deserts.*

5 *Ye have not gone up into the gaps,*

- Neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel
To stand in the battle in the day of the LORD.
- 6 They have seen vanity and lying divination,
Saying, The LORD saith: and the LORD hath not sent them:
And they have made others to hope that they would confirm the word.
- 7 Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination,
Whereas ye say, The LORD saith it; albeit I have not spoken?
- 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies,
Therefore, behold, I *am* against you, saith the Lord GOD.
- 9 And mine hand shall be upon the people that see vanity, and that divine lies:
They shall not be in the assembly of my people,
Neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel,
Neither shall they enter into the land of Israel;
And ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.
- 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people,
Saying, 'Peace;' and *there was* no peace;
And one built up a wall, and, lo, others daubed it with untempered mortar:
- 11 Say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar,
That it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower;
And ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it.
- 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you,
Where *is* the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it?
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury;
And there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger,
And great hailstones in my fury to consume it.
- 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar,
And bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered,
And it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof:
And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall,
And upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar,
And will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it;
- 16 To wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem,
And which see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, saith the Lord GOD.
- 17 LIKEWISE, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart; and
- 18 prophesy thou against them, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Woe to the women that sew pillows to all arm-holes,
And make kerchiefs upon the head of every suture to hunt souls!
Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and will ye save the souls alive *that come* unto you?
- 19 And will ye pollute me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread,
To slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live,
By your lying to my people that hear *your* lies?
- 20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against your pillows,
Wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms,
And will let the souls go, *even* the souls that ye hunt to make them fly.
- 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand,
And they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted;
And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 22 Because with lies ye have made the heart of the righteous sad,
Whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked,
That he should not return from his wicked way, by promising him life:
- 23 Therefore ye shall see no more vanity, nor divine divinations:
For I will deliver my people out of your hand:
And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 14 THEN came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat
- 2 before me. And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 3 Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling-block of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them?
- 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;
- 5 That I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.
- 6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.
- 7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stum-

- bling-block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to inquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:
- 8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.
- 9 And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel.
- 10 And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity: the punishment of the prophet shall be even as the punishment of him that seeketh unto him;
- 11 That the house of Israel may go no more as my people, neither be polluted any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord GOD.
- 12 THE word of the LORD came again to me, saying,
- 13 Son of man, when the land sinneth against me by trespassing grievously, then will I stretch out mine hand upon it, and will break the staff of the bread thereof, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it;
- 14 Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *but* their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord GOD.
- 15 If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts:
- 16 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.
- 17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off man and beast from it:
- 18 Though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.
- 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast:
- 20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall *but* deliver their own souls by their righteousness.
- 21 For thus saith the Lord GOD; How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beast, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast?
- 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be brought forth, *both* sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it.
- 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their ways and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord GOD.

15 AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

- 2 Son of man, What is the vine-tree more than any tree,
Or than a branch which is among the trees of the forest?
- 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to do any work?
Or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon?
- 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire devoureth both the ends of it,
And the midst of it is burned. Is it meet for any work?
- 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was meet for no work:
How much less shall it be meet yet for any work,
When the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned?
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD;
As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest,
Which I have given to the fire for fuel,
So will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.
- 7 And I will set my face against them:
They shall go out from one fire, and another fire shall devour them;
And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I set my face against them.
- 8 And I will make the land desolate,
Because they have committed a trespass,
Saith the Lord GOD.

16 AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of
3 man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations, 'and say,

- Thus saith the Lord GOD unto Jerusalem;
Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of Canaan;
Thy father was an Amorite, and thy mother an Hittite.
- 4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut,
Neither was thou washed in water to supple thee;
Thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all.
- 5 None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee,
To have compassion upon thee;
But thou wast cast out in the open field, to the lothing of thy person,
In the day that thou wast born.

- 6 And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood,
I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood. Live;
Yea, I said unto thee *when thou wast* in thy blood. Live.
- 7 I have caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field,
And thou hast increased and waxen great, and thou art come to excellent ornaments:
Thy breasts are fashioned, and thine hair is grown, whereas thou *wast* naked and bare.
- 8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee,
Behold, thy time *was* the time of love;
And I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness:
Yea, I sware unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee,
Saith the Lord GOD, and thou becamest mine.
- 9 Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away
Thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil.
- 10 I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with badgers' skin,
And I girded thee about with fine linen, and I covered thee with silk.
- 11 I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands,
12 And a chain on thy neck. 'And I put a jewel on thy forehead,
And earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head.
- 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver;
And thy raiment *was* of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work;
Thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil:
And thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper into a kingdom.
- 14 And thy renown went forth among the heathen for thy beauty:
For it *was* perfect through my comeliness, which I had put upon thee, saith the LORD
GOD.
- 15 But thou didst trust in thine own beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown,
And pourest out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was.
- 16 And of thy garments thou didst take, and deckedst thy high places
With divers colors, and playedst the harlot thereupon:
The like things shall not come, neither shall it be so.
- 17 Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee,
And madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them,
- 18 And tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them:
And thou hast set mine oil and mine incense before them.
- 19 My meat also which I gave thee,
Fine flour, and oil, and honey, *wherewith* I fed thee,
Thou hast even set it before them for a sweet savour:
And *thus* it was, saith the Lord GOD.
- 20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me,
And these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured.
Is this of thy whoredoms a small matter,
That thou hast slain my children, and delivered them
To cause them to pass through the fire for them?
22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms
Thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth,
When thou wast naked and bare, and wast polluted in thy blood.
- 23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness,
(Woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord GOD;)
24 That thou hast also built unto thee an eminent place,
And hast made thee an high place in every street.
25 Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way,
And hast made thy beauty to be abhorred,
And hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms.
- 26 Thou hast also committed fornication
With the Egyptians thy neighbors, great of flesh;
And hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.
- 27 Behold, therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee,
And have diminished thine ordinary food,
And delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee,
The daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy lewd way.
- 28 Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable;
Yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied.
- 29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy fornication in the land of Canaan unto Chaldea;
And yet thou wast not satisfied herewith.
- 30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord GOD,
Seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;
31 In that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way,
And makest thine high place in every street;
And hast not been as an harlot, in that thou scornest hire;
32 But as a wife that committeth adultery,
Which taketh strangers instead of her husband!
- 33 They give gifts to all whores: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers,
And hirest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredom.
- 34 And the contrary is in thee from other women in thy whoredoms,
Whereas none followeth thee to commit whoredoms:

- And in that thou givest a reward, and no reward is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary.
- 35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD :
- 36 Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered
Through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with all the foulness of thy abominations,
And by the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them ;
- 37 Behold, therefore, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure,
And all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated :
I will even gather them round about against thee.
- And will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they may see all thy nakedness.
- 38 And I will judge thee as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged ;
And I will give thee blood in fury and jealousy.
- 39 And I will also give thee into their hand,
And they shall throw down thine eminent place,
And shall break down thy high places : they shall strip thee also of thy clothes,
And shall take thy fair jewels, and leave thee naked and bare.
- 40 They shall also bring up a company against thee,
And they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords.
- 41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire,
And execute judgments upon thee in the sight of many women :
And I will cause thee to cease from playing the harlot,
And thou also shalt give no hire any more.
- 42 So will I make my fury toward thee to rest,
And my jealousy shall depart from thee,
And I will be quiet, and will be no more angry.
- 43 Because thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth,
But hast fretted me in all these things ;
Behold, therefore I also will recompense thy way upon thine head, saith the Lord GOD :
And thou shalt not commit this lewdness above all thine abominations.
- 44 Behold, every one that useth proverbs shall use this proverb against thee,
Saying, As is the mother, so is her daughter.
- 45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, that hath hated her husband and her children ;
And thou art the sister of thy sisters, which loathed their husbands and their children :
Your mother was an Hittite, and your father an Amorite.
- 46 And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand :
And thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters.
- 47 Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations :
But, as if that were a very little thing, thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways.
- 48 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath not done,
She nor her daughters, as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters.
- 49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom,
Pride, fullness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters,
Neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.
- 50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me :
Therefore I took them away as I saw good.
- 51 Neither hath Samaria committed half of thy sins ;
But thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they,
And hast justified thy sisters in all thine abominations which thou hast done.
- 52 Thou also, which hast judged thy sisters, bear thine own shame
For thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they :
They are more righteous than thou : yea, be thou confounded also,
And bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.
- 53 When I shall bring again their captivity,
The captivity of Sodom and her daughters,
And the captivity of Samaria and her daughters,
Then will I bring again the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them :
- 54 That thou mayest bear thine own shame,
And mayest be confounded in all that thou hast done,
In that thou art a comfort unto them.
- 55 When thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate,
And Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate,
Then thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate.
- 56 For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride,
57 Before thy wickedness was discovered, as at the time
Of thy reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all that are round about her,
The daughters of the Philistines, which despise thee round about.
- 58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.
- 59 For thus saith the Lord GOD ;
I will even deal with thee as thou hast done,
Which hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.
- 60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth,
And I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant.
- 61 Then thou shalt remember thy ways, and be ashamed,

When thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder and thy younger:
And I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant.

62 And I will establish my covenant with thee;
And thou shalt know that I am the LORD:

63 That thou mayest remember, and be confounded,

And never open thy mouth any more because of thy shame,
When I am pacified toward thee for all that thou hast done, saith the Lord GOD.

17 AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel; and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

A great eagle with great wings, long-winged,
Full of feathers, which had divers colors,
Came unto Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar:

4 He cropped off the top of his young twigs,
And carried it into a land of traffic;
He set it in a city of merchants.

5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field;
He placed it by great waters, and set it as a willow-tree;

6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature,
Whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him:
So it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers:
And, behold, this vine did bend her roots toward him,
And shot forth her branches toward him,
That he might water it by the furrows of her plantation.

8 It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches,
And that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.

9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof,
And cut off the fruit thereof, that it wither?
It shall wither in all the leaves of her spring,

Even without great power or many people to pluck it up by the roots thereof.

10 Yea, behold, *being* planted, shall it prosper?
Shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it?
It shall wither in the furrows where it grew.

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

12 Say now to the rebellious house. Know ye not what these *things* mean?

Tell *them*. Behold, the king of Babylon is come to Jerusalem,
And hath taken the king thereof, and the princes thereof,

And led them with him to Babylon;

13 And hath taken of the king's seed, and made a covenant with him,
And hath taken an oath of him: he hath also taken the mighty of the land:

14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up,
But that by keeping of his covenant it might stand.

15 But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt,
That they might give him horses and much people.
Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such *things*?
Or shall he break the covenant, and be delivered?

16 *As* I live, saith the Lord GOD.

Surely in the place *where* the king dwelleth that made him king,
Whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake,

Even with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die.

17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army
And great company make for him in the war,

By casting up mounts, and building forts, to cut off many persons:

18 Seeing he despised the oath by breaking the covenant,
When, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these *things*: he shall not escape.

19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; *As* I live,

Surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken,
Even it will I recompense upon his own head.

20 And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare,
And I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there

For his trespass that he hath trespassed against me.

21 And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword,
And they that remain shall be scattered toward all winds:
And ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it.

22 Thus saith the Lord GOD;

I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar, and will set it;

I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one,

And will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent:

23 In the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it:

And it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar.

And under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing;
In the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell.

- 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree,
Have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish:
I the LORD have spoken and have done it.

18 THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying, 'What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying,

- 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?'

3 As I live, saith the Lord GOD,

Ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father,

So also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

6 And hath not eaten upon the mountains,

Neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,

Neither hath defiled his neighbor's wife,

Neither hath come near to a man's room,

7 And hath not oppressed any, *but* hath restored to the debtor his pledge,

Hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry,

And hath covered the naked with a garment;

8 He *that* hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase,

That hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity,

Hath executed true judgment between man and man,

9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly;

He is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.

10 If he beget a son *that* is a robber, a shedder of blood,

And *that* doeth the like to *any* one of these things,

11 And *that* doeth not any of these duties,

But even hath eaten upon the mountains,

12 And defiled his neighbor's wife, *'*hath oppressed the poor and needy,

Hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored his pledge,

And hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination,

13 Hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live?

He shall not live: he hath done all these abominations;

He shall surely die: his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, if he beget a son,

That seeth all his father's sins which he hath done, and considereth, and doeth not such like,

15 *That* hath not eaten upon the mountains,

Neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel,

16 Hath not defiled his neighbor's wife, *'*neither hath oppressed any,

Hath not withholden the pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence,

But hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment,

17 *That* hath taken off his hand from the poor,

That hath not received usury nor increase,

Hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes;

He shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

18 *As for* his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence,

And did that which is not good among his people, lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

19 Yet say ye, 'Why? doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father?'

When the son hath done that which is lawful and right,

And hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them,

20 He shall surely live. *'* The soul that sinneth, it shall die.

The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father,

Neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son:

The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him,

And the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins *that* he hath committed,

And keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

22 All his transgressions which he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him:

In his righteousness that he hath done he shall live.

23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD:

And not that he should return from his ways, and live?

24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity,

And doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live?

All his righteousness that he hath done shall not be mentioned:

In his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

25 Yet ye say, The way of the LORD is not equal.

Hear now, O house of Israel; Is not my way equal? are not your ways unequal?

- 26 When a righteous *man* turneth away from his righteousness,
And committeth iniquity, and dieth in them;
For his iniquity that he hath done shall he die.
- 27 Again, when the wicked *man* turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed
And doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.
- 28 Because he considereth, and turneth away from all his transgressions
That he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- 29 Yet saith the house of Israel, the way of the LORD is not equal.
O house of Israel, are not my ways equal? are not your ways unequal?
- 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel,
Every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD.
Repent, and turn *yourselves* from all your transgressions;
So iniquity shall not be your ruin.
- 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed;
And make you a new heart and a new spirit:
For why will ye die, O house of Israel?
- 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD:
Wherefore turn *yourselves*, and live ye.

19 MOREOVER take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel,
2 and say,

- What is thy mother? a lioness: she lay down among lions,
She nourished her whelps among young lions.
3 And she brought up one of her whelps:
It became a young lion, and it learned to catch the prey; it devoured men.
- 4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit,
And they brought him with chains unto the land of Egypt.
- 5 Now when she saw that she had waited, *and* her hope was lost,
Then she took another of her whelps, *and* made him a young lion.
- 6 And he went up and down among the lions, he became a young lion,
And learned to catch the prey, *and* devoured men.
- 7 And he knew their desolate palaces, and he laid waste their cities;
And the land was desolate, and the fullness thereof, by the noise of his roaring.
- 8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces,
And spread their net over him: he was taken in their pit.
- 9 And they put him in ward in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon:
They brought him into holds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains
of Israel.
- 10 Thy mother is like a vine in thy blood, planted by the waters:
She was fruitful and full of branches by reason of many waters.
- 11 And she had strong rods for the sceptres of them that bare rule,
And her stature was exalted among the thick branches,
And she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches.
- 12 But she was plucked up in fury, she was cast down to the ground,
And the east wind dried up her fruit:
Her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire consumed them.
- 13 And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground.
- 14 And fire is gone out of a rod of her branches, *which* hath devoured her fruit,
So that she hath no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule.
This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 AND it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month,
the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel
came to inquire of the LORD, and sat before me. Then came
2 the word of the LORD unto me, saying, 'Son of man, speak unto
3 the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord
GOD; Are ye come to inquire of me? As I live, saith the Lord
4 GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. Wilt thou judge them,
son of man, wilt thou judge *them*? cause them to know the
5 abominations of their fathers: and say unto them,

- Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when I chose Israel,
And lifted up mine hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob,
And made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt,
When I lifted up mine hand unto them, saying, I *am* the Lord your GOD;
6 In the day that I lifted up mine hand unto them,
To bring them forth of the land of Egypt,
Into a land that I had espied for them,
Flowing with milk and honey,
Which is the glory of all lands:
7 Then said I unto them,

Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes,
And defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt :

I am the LORD your God.

8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me :

They did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes,

Neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt :

Then I said, I will pour out my fury upon them.

To accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt.

9 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted before the heathen,

Among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them,

In bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 Wherefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt,

And brought them into the wilderness.

11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments,

Which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them,

That they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them.

13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness :

They walked not in my statutes, and they despised my judgments,

Which if a man do, he shall even live in them ;

And my sabbaths they greatly polluted :

Then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them.

14 But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be polluted

Before the heathen, in whose sight I brought them out.

15 Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness,

That I would not bring them into the land which I had given them,

Flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands ;

16 Because they despised my judgments, and walked not in my statutes,

But polluted my sabbaths : for their heart went after their idols.

17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them,

Neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness.

18 But I said unto their children in the wilderness,

Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers,

Neither observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their idols :

19 I am the LORD your God ; walk in my statutes,

And keep my judgments, and do them ;

20 And hallow my sabbaths : and they shall be a sign between me and you,

That ye may know that I am the LORD your God.

21 Notwithstanding the children rebelled against me :

They walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judgments to do them,

Which if a man do, he shall even live in them ; they polluted my sabbaths :

Then I said, I would pour out my fury upon them,

To accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake.

That it should not be polluted in the sight of the heathen, in whose sight I brought them forth.

23 I lifted up mine hand unto them also in the wilderness,

That I would scatter them among the heathen,

And disperse them through the countries ;

24 Because they had not executed my judgments, but had despised my statutes,

And had polluted my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols.

25 Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good,

And judgments whereby they should not live ;

26 And I polluted them in their own gifts,

In that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb.

That I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord GOD,

Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed me,

In that they have committed a trespass against me.

28 For when I had brought them into the land,

For the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to them,

Then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees,

And they offered there their sacrifices.

And there they presented the provocation of their offering :

There also they made their sweet savor, and poured out there their drink-offerings.

29 Then I said unto them, What is the high place wherunto ye go ?

And the name thereof is called Ramah unto this day.

30 Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;

Are ye polluted after the manner of your fathers ?

And commit ye whoredom after their abominations ?

31 For when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire,

Ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, even unto this day :

- And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel?
As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you.
 32 And that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all;
 That ye say, We will be as the heathen,
 As the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.
 33 *As I live, saith the Lord GOD,*
 Surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched-out arm,
 And with fury poured out, will I rule over you:
 34 And I will bring you out from the people,
 And will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered,
 With a mighty hand, and with a stretched-out arm, and with fury poured out.
 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people,
 And there will I plead with you face to face.
 36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt,
 So will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD,
 37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod,
 And I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:
 38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels,
 And them that transgress against me:
 I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn,
 And they shall not enter into the land of Israel:
 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
 39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord GOD;
 Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter *also*, if ye will not hearken unto me:
 But pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols.
 40 For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord GOD,
 There shall all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, serve me:
 There will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings,
 And the first-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things.
 41 I will accept you with your sweet savor,
 When I bring you out from the people,
 And gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered;
 And I will be sanctified in you before the heathen.
 42 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD,
 When I shall bring you into the land of Israel,
 Into the country *for* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it to your fathers.
 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings,
 Wherein ye have been defiled;
 And ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight
 For all your evils that ye have committed.
 44 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD,
 When I have wrought with you for my name's sake,
 Not according to your wicked ways, nor according to your corrupt doings,
 O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.
- 45 **MOREOVER** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south,
 And drop *thy word* toward the south,
 And prophesy against the forest of the south field;
 47 And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD;
 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee,
 And it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree:
 The flaming flame shall not be quenched,
 And all faces from the south to the north shall be burned therein.
 48 And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.
- 49 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! they say of me, Doth he not speak
 parables?
- 21 **AND** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem,
 And drop *thy word* toward the holy places,
 3 And prophesy against the land of Israel, ' and say to the land of Israel,
 Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I *am* against thee,
 And will draw forth my sword out of his sheath,
 And will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked.
 4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked,
 Therefore shall my sword go forth out of his sheath against all flesh, from the south to
 the north,
 5 That all flesh may know that I the LORD
 Have drawn forth my sword out of his sheath: it shall not return any more.
 6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man, with the breaking of *thy* loins;
 And with bitterness sigh before their eyes.
 7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou?
 That thou shalt answer, For the tidings; because it cometh:

And every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble,
And every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak *as* water :
Behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord GOD.

8, 9 AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, prophesy, and say,

Thus saith the LORD ; say,

A sword, a sword is sharpened, and also furbished :

10 It is sharpened to make a sore slaughter ; it is furbished that it may glitter :
Should we then make mirth ? it condemneth the rod of my son, *as* every tree.

11 And he hath given it to be furbished, that it may be handled :

This sword is sharpened, and it is furbished, to give it into the hand of the slayer.

12 Cry and howl, son of man :

For it shall be upon my people, it *shall* be upon all the princes of Israel :

Terrors by reason of the sword shall be upon my people :

Smite therefore upon *thy* thigh.

13 Because *it* is a trial, and what if *the sword* condemn even the rod ?

It shall be no *more*, saith the Lord GOD.

14 Thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite *thine* hands together,

And let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain :

It is the sword of the great *men* that are slain,

Which entereth into their privy chambers.

15 I have set the point of the sword against all their gates,
That *their* heart may faint, and *their* ruins be multiplied :

Ah ! *it* is made bright, *it* is wrapped up for the slaughter.

16 Go thee one way or other, *either* on the right hand,

Or on the left, whithersoever thy face is set.

17 I will also smite mine hands together,

And I will cause my fury to rest : I the LORD have said *it*.

18 THE word of the LORD came unto me again, saying,

19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways,

That the sword of the king of Babylon may come :

Both twain shall come forth out of one land :

And choose thou a place, choose *it* at the head of the way to the city.

20 Appoint a way, that the sword may come to Rabbath of the Ammonites,

And to Judah in Jerusalem the defended.

21 For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way,

At the head of the two ways, to use divination :

He made *his* arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem,

To appoint captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter,

To lift up the voice with shouting, to appoint *battering*-rams against the gates,

To cast a mount, *and* to build a fort.

23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight,

To them that have sworn oaths :

But he will call to remembrance the iniquity, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;

Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered,

So that in all your doings your sins do appear ;

Because, *I say*, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand.

25 And thou, profane, wicked prince of Israel,

Whose day is come, when iniquity *shall* have an end,

26 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown :

This *shall* not be the same : exalt *him* that is low, and abase *him* that is high.

27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it : and it shall be no *more*,

Until he come whose right it is ; and I will give it *him*.

28 AND thou, son of man, prophesy and say,

Thus saith the Lord GOD

Concerning the Ammonites, and concerning their reproach ;

Even say thou, The sword, the sword is drawn :

For the slaughter *it* is furbished, to consume because of the glittering :

29 Whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles they divine a lie unto thee,

To bring thee upon the necks of *them* that are slain,

Of the wicked, whose day is come, when their iniquity *shall* have an end.

30 Shall I cause *it* to return into his sheath ?

I will judge thee in the place where thou wast created, in the land of thy nativity.

31 And I will pour out mine indignation upon thee,

I will blow against thee in the fire of my wrath,

And deliver thee into the hand of brutish men, *and* skilful to destroy.

32 Thou shalt be for fuel to the fire ; thy blood shall be in the midst of the land ;

Thou shalt be no *more* remembered : for I the LORD have spoken *it*.

22 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

- 2 Now, thou son of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou judge the bloody city ?
 Yea, thou shalt show her all her abominations.
 3 Then say thou, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 The city sheddeth blood in the midst of it, that her time may come,
 And maketh idols against herself to defile herself.
 4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed ;
 And hast defiled thyself in thine idols which thou hast made ;
 And thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come *even* unto thy years :
 Therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the heathen, and a mocking to all countries.
 5 *Those that be near, and those that be far from thee,*
 Shall mock thee, *which art infamous and much vexed.*
 6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one were in thee to their power to shed blood.
 7 In thee have they set light by father and mother :
 In the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the stranger :
 In thee have they vexed the fatherless and the widow.
 8 Thou hast despised mine holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths.
 9 In thee are men that carry tales to shed blood :
 And in thee they eat upon the mountains :
 In the midst of thee they commit lewdness.
 10 In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness :
 In thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution.
 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbor's wife ;
 And another hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law ;
 And another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter
 12 In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood ;
 Thou hast taken usury and increase,
 And thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by extortion,
 And hast forgotten me, saith the Lord GOD.
 13 Behold, therefore I have smitten mine hand
 At thy dishonest gain which thou hast made,
 And at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee.
 14 Can thine heart endure, or can thine hands be strong,
 In the days that I shall deal with thee ?
 I the LORD have spoken *it*, and will do *it*.
 15 And I will scatter thee among the heathen,
 And disperse thee in the countries, and will consume thy filthiness out of thee.
 16 And thou shalt take thine inheritance in thyself in the sight of the heathen,
 And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.

17 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

- 18 Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross :
 All they *are* brass, and tin, and iron, and lead,
 In the midst of the furnace ; they *are even* the dross of silver.
 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ; Because ye *are* all become dross,
 Behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.
 20 *As* they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin,
 Into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt *it* ;
 So will I gather *you* in mine anger and in my fury,
 And I will leave *you there*, and melt *you*.
 21 Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath,
 And ye shall be melted in the midst thereof.
 22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace,
 So shall ye be melted in the midst thereof ;
 And ye shall know that I the LORD have poured out my fury upon you.

23 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

- 24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou *art* the land
 That is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation.
 25 *There is* a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof,
 Like a roaring lion ravening the prey ; they have devoured souls ;
 They have taken the treasure and precious things ;
 They have made her many widows in the midst thereof.
 26 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things :
 They have put no difference between the holy and profane,
 Neither have they showed *difference* between the unclean and the clean,
 And have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.
 27 Her princes in the midst thereof *are* like wolves ravening the prey,
 To shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain.
 28 And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar,
 Seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying,
 ' Thus saith the Lord GOD,' when the LORD hath *not* spoken.
 29 The people of the land have used oppression,

And exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy :
Yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

30 And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge,
And stand in the gap before me for the land,
That I should not destroy it: but I found none.

31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them ;
I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath :

Their own way have I recompensed upon their heads, saith the Lord GOD.

23 THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying,

2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother :

3 And they committed whoredoms in Egypt,
They committed whoredoms in their youth :

There were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

4 And the names of them were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister :

And they were mine, and they bare sons and daughters.

Thus were their names ; Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem Aholibah.

5 And Aholah played the harlot when she was mine ;

And she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors,

6 Which were clothed with blue, captains and rulers,

All of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses.

7 Thus she committed her whoredoms with them,

With all them that were the chosen men of Assyria,

And with all on whom she doted : with all their idols she defiled herself.

8 Neither left she her whoredoms brought from Egypt :

For in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised

The breasts of her virginity, and poured their whoredom upon her.

9 Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers,

Into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted.

10 These discovered her nakedness : they took her sons and her daughters,

And slew her with the sword : and she became famous among women ;

For they had executed judgment upon her.

11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this,

She was more corrupt in her inordinate love than she,

And in her whoredoms more than her sister in her whoredoms.

12 She doted upon the Assyrians her neighbors,

Captains and rulers clothed most gorgeously,

Horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men.

13 Then I saw that she was defiled, that they took both one way,

14 And that she increased her whoredoms :

For when she saw men portrayed upon the wall,

The images of the Chaldeans portrayed with vermillion,

15 Girded with girdles upon their loins,

Exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look to,

After the manner of the Babylonians of Chaldea, the land of their nativity :

16 And as soon as she saw them with her eyes,

She doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea.

17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love,

And they defiled her with their whoredom,

And she was polluted with them, and her mind was alienated from them.

18 So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness :

Then my mind was alienated from her, like as my mind was alienated from her sister.

19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms,

In calling to remembrance the days of her youth,

Wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

20 For she doted upon their paramours,

Whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses.

21 Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth,

In bruising thy teats by the Egyptians for the paps of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord GOD ;

Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee,

From whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side ;

23 The Babylonians, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, and Sheo, and Koa,

And all the Assyrians with them : all of them desirable young men,

Captains and rulers, great lords and renowned, all of them riding upon horses.

24 And they shall come against thee with chariots,

Wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people.

Which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about :

And I will set judgment before them.

And they shall judge thee according to their judgments.

25 And I will set my jealousy against thee,

And they shall deal furiously with thee :

They shall take away thy nose and thine ears ;

And thy remnant shall fall by the sword :

- They shall take thy sons and thy daughters ;
 And thy residue shall be devoured by the fire.
- 26 They shall also strip thee out of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels.
- 27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee,
 And thy whoredom brought from the land of Egypt :
 So that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more.
- 28 For thus saith the Lord GOD :
 Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of *them* whom thou hatest,
 Into the hand of *them* from whom thy mind is alienated :
 29 And they shall deal with thee hatefully,
 And shall take away all thy labor, and shall leave thee naked and bare :
 And the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.
- 30 I will do these *things* unto thee, because thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen,
 And because thou art polluted with their idols.
- 31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister ;
 Therefore will I give her cup into thine hand.
- 32 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup deep and large :
 Thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision ;
- 33 It containeth much. ' Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow,
 With the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria
- 34 Thou shalt even drink it and suck it out,
 And thou shalt break the sherds thereof, and pluck off thine own breasts :
 For I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
- 35 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back,
 Therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.
- 36 THE LORD said moreover unto me ;
 Son of man, wilt thou judge Aholah and Aholibah ?
 Yea, declare unto them their abominations ;
- 37 That they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands,
 And with their idols have they committed adultery,
 And have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me,
 To pass for them through the fire, to devour *them*.
- 38 Moreover this they have done unto me :
 They have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths.
- 39 For when they had slain their children to their idols,
 Then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it ;
 And, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house.
- 40 And furthermore, that ye have sent for men to come from far,
 Unto whom a messenger was sent ; and, lo, they came :
 For whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst thy eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments,
- 41 And satest upon a stately bed, and a table prepared before it,
 Whereupon thou hast set mine incense and mine oil.
- 42 And a voice of a multitude being at ease was with her :
 And with the men of the common sort were brought Sabceans from the wilderness,
 Which put bracelets upon their hands, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.
- 43 Then said I unto her that was old in adulteries,
 Will they now commit whoredoms with her, and she with *them* ?
- 44 Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman that playeth the harlot :
 So went they in unto Aholah and unto Aholibah, the lewd women.
- 45 And the righteous men, they shall judge them after the manner of adulteresses,
 And after the manner of women that shed blood ;
 Because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands.
- 46 For thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and spoiled.
- 47 And the company shall stone them with stones,
 And dispatch them with their swords :
 They shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire.
- 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land,
 That all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness.
- 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you,
 And ye shall bear the sins of your idols :
 And ye shall know that I am the Lord GOD.
- 24 AGAIN in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 2 ' Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this same day : the king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this
- 3 same day. And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;

- Set on a pot, set it on, and also pour water into it :
 4 Gather the pieces thereof into it, *even* every good piece,
 The thigh, and the shoulder ; fill it with the choice bones.
 5 Take the choice of the flock, and burn also the bones under it,
 And make it boil well, and let them see the bones of it therein.
 6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD ; Woe to the bloody city,
 To the pot whose scum is therein, and whose scum is not gone out of it !
 Bring it out piece by piece ; let no lot fall upon it.
 7 For her blood is in the midst of her ; she set it upon the top of a rock ;
 She poured it not upon the ground, to cover it with dust ;
 8 That it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance ;
 I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered.
 9 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ; Woe to the bloody city !
 I will even make the pile for fire great.
 10 Heap on wood, kindle the fire, consume the flesh,
 And spice it well, and let the bones be burned.
 11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof,
 That the brass of it may be hot, and may burn,
 And that the filthiness of it may be molten in it,
 That the scum of it may be consumed.
 12 She hath wearied *herself* with lies ; and her great scum went not forth out of her :
 13 Her scum *shall be* in the fire. ' In thy filthiness is lewdness :
 Because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged,
 Thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more,
 Till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee.
 14 I the LORD have spoken it : it shall come to pass, and I will do it ;
 I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent ;
 According to thy ways, and according to thy doings,
 Shall they judge thee, saith the Lord GOD.
- 15 ALSO the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 16 Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke .
 Yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither shall thy tears run down.
 17 Forbear to cry, make no mourning for the dead,
 Bind the tire of thine head upon thee, and put on thy shoes upon thy feet,
 And cover not thy lips, and eat not the bread of men.
- 18 So I spake unto the people in the morning : and at even my
 19 wife died ; and I did in the morning as I was commanded. And
 the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these *things*
 20 *are* to us, that thou doest *so* ? Then I answered them, The word
 21 of the LORD came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of
 Israel,
 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the excellency of your
 strength,
 The desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth ;
 And your sons and your daughters whom ye have left shall fall by the sword.
 22 And ye shall do as I have done :
 Ye shall not cover *your* lips, nor eat the bread of men.
 23 And your tires *shall be* upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet :
 Ye shall not mourn nor weep ; but ye shall pine away
 For your iniquities, and mourn one toward another.
 24 Thus Ezekiel is unto you a sign :
 According to all that he ha'h done shall ye do :
 And when this cometh, ye shall know that I *am* the Lord GOD.
 25 Also, thou son of man, *shall it not be* in the day when I take from them
 Their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes,
 And that whereupon they set their minds, their sons and their daughters,
 26 That he that escapeth in that day shall come unto thee,
 To cause thee to hear it with *thine ears* ?
 27 In that day shall thy mouth be opened to him which is escaped,
 And thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb :
 And thou shalt be a sign unto them ; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 25 THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ' Son
 of man, set thy face against the Ammonites, and prophesy against
 3 them ; and say unto the Ammonites,
 HEAR the word of the Lord GOD ; Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned ;
 And against the land of Israel, when it was desolate ;
 And against the house of Judah when they went into captivity ;

- 4 Behold, therefore I will deliver thee to the men of the east for a possession,
And they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwellings in thee :
They shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk.
- 5 And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels,
And the Ammonites a couching-place for flocks :
- 6 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. ' For thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Because thou hast clapped *thine* hands, and stamped with the feet,
And rejoiced in heart with all thy despite against the land of Israel ;
- 7 Behold, therefore I will stretch out mine hand upon thee,
And will deliver thee for a spoil to the heathen ;
And I will cut thee off from the people,
And I will cause thee to perish out of the countries :
I will destroy thee ; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
- 8 THUS saith the Lord GOD ; Because that Moab and Seir do say,
' Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the heathen ;'
- 9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities,
From his cities *which are* on his frontiers, the glory of the country,
Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim,
- 10 Unto the men of the east
With the Ammonites, and will give them in possession,
That the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations.
- 11 And I will execute judgments upon Moab ;
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 12 THUS saith the Lord GOD ;
Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance,
And hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them ;
- 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it ;
And I will make it desolate from Teman ; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword.
- 14 And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel :
And they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury ;
And they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.
- 15 THUS saith the Lord GOD ;
Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge,
And have taken vengeance with a despiteful heart, to destroy *it* for the old hatred ,
- 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines,
And I will cut off the Cherethims, and destroy the remnant of the sea-coasts.
- 17 And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes ;
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.
- 26** AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of
the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, because that Tyrus hath said against Jerusalem,
' Aha, she is broken *that was* the gates of the people :
She is turned unto me : I shall be replenished, *now* she is laid waste :'
3 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ; Behold, I *am* against thee, O Tyrus,
And will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to
come up.
4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers :
I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.
5 It shall be a *place* for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea :
For I have spoken *it*, saith the Lord GOD :
And it shall become a spoil to the nations.
6 And her daughters *which are* in the field shall be slain by the sword ;
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
7 For thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Behold, I will bring upon Tyrus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,
A king of kings, from the north, with horses and with chariots,
And with horsemen, and companies, and much people.
8 He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field :
And he shall make a fort against thee, and cast a mount
Against thee, and lift up the buckler against thee.
9 And he shall set engines of war against thy walls,
And with his axes he shall break down thy towers.
10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee :
Thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels,
And of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates,
As men enter into a city wherein is made a breach.
11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy stree's :
He shall slay thy people by the sword, and thy strong garrisons shall go down to the
ground.
12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise :

- And they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses :
 And they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the water.
- 13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease ;
 And the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard.
- 14 And I will make thee like the top of a rock :
 Thou shalt be a place to spread nets upon ; thou shalt be built no more :
 For I the LORD have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
- 15 Thus saith the Lord GOD to Tyrus ;
 Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded cry,
 When the slaughter is made in the midst of thee ?
- 16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones,
 And lay away their robes, and put off their broidered garments :
 They shall clothe themselves with trembling ; they shall sit upon the ground,
 And shall tremble at every moment, and be astonished at thee.
- 17 And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee,
 How art thou destroyed, *that wast* inhabited of seafaring men,
 The renowned city, which was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants,
 Which cause their terror to be on all that haunt it !
- 18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall ;
 Yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at thy departure.
- 19 For thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited ;
 When I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and great waters shall cover thee ;
- 20 When I shall bring thee down with them that descend into the pit,
 With the people of old time, and shall set thee in the low parts of the earth,
 In places desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit,
 That thou be not inhabited ; and I shall set glory in the land of the living ;
- 21 I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more :
 Though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord GOD.
- 27 The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, 'Now,
 3 thou son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyrus ; and say unto
 Tyrus,
- O thou that art situate at the entry of the sea,
 Which art a merchant of the people for many isles,
 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; O Tyrus, thou hast said, 'I am of perfect beauty.'
 4 Thy borders are in the midst of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty.
- 5 They have made all thy ship-boards of fir-trees of Senir :
 They have taken cedars from Lebanon to make masts for thee.
- 6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars : the company of the Ashurites
 Have made thy benches of ivory, brought out of the isles of Chittim.
- 7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt
 Was that which thou spreadest forth to be thy sail ;
 Blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was that which covered thee.
- 8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy mariners :
 Thy wise men, O Tyrus, that were in thee, were thy pilots.
- 9 The ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers :
 All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise.
- 10 They of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in thine army, thy men of war :
 They hanged the shield and helmet in thee, they set forth thy comeliness.
- 11 The men of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about,
 And the Gammadims were in thy towers :
 They hanged their shields upon thy walls round about ; they have made thy beauty perfect.
- 12 Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches ;
 With silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs.
- 13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy merchants :
 They traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in thy market.
- 14 They of the house of Togarmah traded in thy fairs with horses and horsemen and mules.
- 15 The men of Dedan were thy merchants ;
 Many isles were the merchandise of thine hand :
 They brought thee for a present horns of ivory and ebony.
- 16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of the wares of thy making :
 They occupied in thy fairs with emeralds,
 Purple, and broidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate.
- 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy merchants :
 They traded in thy market wheat of Minnith, and Pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm.
- 18 Damascus was thy merchant in the multitude of the wares of thy making,
 For the multitude of all riches, in the wine of Helbon, and white wool.
- 19 Dan also and Javan going to and fro occupied in thy fairs :
 Bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were in thy market.
- 20 Dedan was thy merchant in precious clothes for chariots.
- 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they occupied with thee
 In lambs, and rams, and goats : in these were they thy merchants.

- 22 The merchants of Sheba and Raamah, they *were* thy merchants.
 They occupied in thy fairs with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold
- 23 Haran, and Canneh, and Eden, the merchants of Sheba,
 Asshur, and Chilmad, *were* thy merchants.
- 24 These *were* thy merchants in all sorts of things,
 In blue clothes, and broidered work, and in chests of rich apparel,
 Bound with cords, and made of cedar, among thy merchandise.
- 25 The ships of Tarshish did sing of thee in thy market :
 And thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the midst of the seas.
- 26 THY rowers have brought thee into great waters :
 The east wind hath broken thee in the midst of the seas.
- 27 Thy riches, and thy fairs, thy merchandise, thy mariners,
 And thy pilots, thy calkers, and the occupiers of thy merchandise,
 And all thy men of war, that *are* in thee,
 And in all thy company which *is* in the midst of thee,
 Shall fall into the midst of the seas in the day of thy ruin.
- 28 The suburbs shall shake at the sound of the cry of thy pilots.
- 29 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, *and* all the pilots of the sea,
 Shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon the land ;
- 30 And shall cause their voice to be heard against thee, and shall cry bitterly,
 And shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wailow themselves in the ashes :
- 31 And they shall make themselves utterly bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth,
 And they shall weep for thee with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing.
- 32 And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee,
 And lament over thee, *saying*, What city is like Tyrus,
 Like the destroyed in the midst of the sea ?
- 33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many people ;
 Thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise.
- 34 In the time *when* thou shalt be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters,
 Thy merchandise and all thy company in the midst of thee shall fall.
- 35 All the inhabitants of the isles shall be astonished at thee, and their kings
 Shall be sore afraid, they shall be troubled in their countenance.
- 36 The merchants among the people shall hiss at thee ;
 Thou shalt be a terror, and never *shall* be any more.
- 23** THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, 'Son of man, say unto the Prince of Tyrus, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I *am* a god,
 I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas ;
 Yet thou *art* a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God
- 3 Behold, thou *art* wiser than Daniel ;
 There is no secret that they can hide from thee :
- 4 With thy wisdom and with thine understanding thou hast gotten thee riches,
 And hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures :
- 5 By thy great wisdom *and* by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches,
 And thine heart is lifted up because of thy riches :
- 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God :
- 7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations :
 And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom,
 And they shall defile thy brightness. ' They shall bring thee down to the pit,
 And thou shalt die the deaths of *them that are* slain in the midst of the seas.
- 9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I *am* God ?
 But thou *shalt* be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee.
- 10 Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers :
 For I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
- 11** Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him,
 Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.
- 13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God ;
 Every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz,
 And the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper,
 The sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold :
 The workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes
 Was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.
- 14 Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth ; and I have set thee so :
 Thou wast upon the holy mountain of God ;
 Thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.
- 15 Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created,
 Till iniquity was found in thee.

- 16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled
The midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned :
Therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God :
And I will destroy thee. O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.
- 17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty,
Thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness :
I will cast thee to the ground,
I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.
- 18 Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude
Of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffic ;
Therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee,
And I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.
- 19 All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee :
Thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.
- 20 AGAIN the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son
22 of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it, 'and
say, Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon ; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee :
And they shall know that I am the LORD,
When I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her.
- 23 For I will send into her pestilence, and blood into her streets ;
And the wounded shall be judged in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side ;
And they shall know that I am the LORD.
- 24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel,
Nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them ;
And they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.
- 25 Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
When I shall have gathered the house of Israel
From the people among whom they are scattered,
And shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen,
Then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.
- 26 And they shall dwell safely therein,
And shall build houses, and plant vineyards ;
Yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments
Upon all those that despise them round about them ;
And they shall know that I am the LORD their God.
- 29 IN the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the
2 month, the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of
man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy
3 against him, and against all Egypt : speak, and say,
Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt,
The great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said,
My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself.
- 4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws,
And I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales,
And I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers,
And all the fish of thy rivers shall stick unto thy scales.
- 5 And I will leave thee thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers :
Thou shalt fall upon the open fields ;
Thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered :
I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven.
- 6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD,
Because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel.
- 7 When they took hold of thee by thy hand,
Thou didst break, and rend all their shoulder :
And when they leaned upon thee, thou bukest,
And madest all their loins to be at a stand.
- 8 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD :
Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and cut off man and beast out of thee.
- 9 And the land of Egypt shall be desolate and waste ;
And they shall know that I am the LORD :
Because he hath said, The river is mine, and I have made it.
- 10 Behold, therefore, I am against thee, and against thy rivers,
And I will make the land of Egypt utterly waste and desolate,
From the tower of Syene even unto the border of Ethiopia.
- 11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast
Shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years.
- 12 And I will make the land of Egypt desolate
In the midst of the countries that are desolate,

- 17 The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword :
And these cities shall go into captivity.
- 18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall be darkened,
When I shall break there the yokes of Egypt :
And the pomp of her strength shall cease in her :
As for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity.
- 19 Thus will I execute judgments in Egypt :
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 20 AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first *month*,
in the seventh *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD
came unto me, saying,
- 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt ;
And, lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed,
To put a roller to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword.
- 22 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Behold, I *am* against Pharaoh king of Egypt,
And will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken ;
And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand.
- 23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations,
And will disperse them through the countries.
- 24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon,
And put my sword in his hand : but I will break Pharaoh's arms,
And he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded *man*.
- 25 But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon,
And the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down ;
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD,
When I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon,
And he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt.
- 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations,
And disperse them among the countries ;
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 31 AND it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third *month*,
in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came
2 unto me, saying, Son of man, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt,
and to his multitude ;
- Whom art thou like in thy greatness ?
- 3 Behold, the Assyrian *was* a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches,
And with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature ;
And his top was among the thick boughs.
- 4 The waters made him great, the deep set him up on high
With her rivers running round about his plants,
And sent out her little rivers unto all the trees of the field.
- 5 Therefore his height was exalted above all the trees of the field,
And his boughs were multiplied,
And his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth.
- 6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs.
And under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young,
And under his shadow dwelt all great nations.
- 7 Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches :
For his root was by great waters.
- 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him :
The fir-trees were not like his boughs.
And the chesnut-trees were not like his branches ;
Nor any tree in the garden of God was like unto him in his beauty.
- 9 I have made him fair by the multitude of his branches :
So that all the trees of Eden, that *were* in the garden of God, envied him.
- 10 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
Because thou hast lifted up thyself in height,
And he hath shot up his top among the thick boughs,
And his heart is lifted up in his height ;
- 11 I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the heathen ;
He shall surely deal with him : I have driven him out for his wickedness.
- 12 And strangers, the terrible of the nations,
Have cut him off, and have left him :
Upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen,
And his boughs are broken by all the rivers of the land ;
And all the people of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.
- 13 Upon his ruin shall all the fowls of the heaven remain,
And all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches :
- 14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height,

Neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs,
Neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water :
For they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth,
In the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord GOD ;

In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning :
I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof,
And the great waters were stayed : and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him,
And all the trees of the field fainted for him.

16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall,

When I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit :

And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon,

All that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

17 They also went down into hell with him unto *them that be slain with the sword ;*

And *they that were his arm, that dwell under his shadow in the midst of the heathen.*

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden ?

Yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth :

Thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that be slain by the sword.*

This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

32 AND it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month,
in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came
2 unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh
king of Egypt, and say unto him,

Thou art like a young lion of the nations, and thou *art* as a whale in the seas :

And thou camest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and
fouledst their rivers.

3 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; I will therefore spread out my net over thee
With a company of many people ; and they shall bring thee up in my net.

4 Then will I leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field,
And will cause all the fowls of the heaven to remain upon thee,

And I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with thee.

5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height.

6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest,

Even to the mountains ; and the rivers shall be full of thee.

7 And when I shall put thee out, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark ;
I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light.

8 All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee,

And set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord GOD.

9 I will also vex the hearts of many people,
When I shall bring thy destruction among the nations,
Into the countries which thou hast not known.

10 Yea, I will make many people amazed at thee,
And their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee,

When I shall brandish my sword before them ;

And they shall tremble at *every* moment,

Every man for his own life, in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord GOD ;

The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee.

12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall,

The terrible of the nations, all of them ;

And they shall spoil the pomp of Egypt,

And all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed.

13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside the great waters ;

Neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more,

Nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them.

14 Then will I make their waters deep,

And cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord GOD.

15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate,

And the country shall be destitute of that whereof it was full,

When I shall smite all them that dwell therein,

Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD.

16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament her :

The daughters of the nations shall lament her :

They shall lament for her, *even for Egypt,*

And for all her multitude, saith the Lord GOD.

17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day*
of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down,

Even her, and the daughters of the famous nations,

Unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit.

- 19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty?
Go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised.
- 20 They shall fall in the midst of *them that are slain* by the sword:
She is delivered to the sword: draw her and all her multitudes.
- 21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him
Out of the midst of hell with them that help him:
They are gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
- 22 Asshur is there and all her company:
His graves are about him: all of them slain, fallen by the sword:
- 23 Whose graves are set in the sides of the pit,
And her company is round about her grave:
All of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the land of the living
- 24 There is Elam and all her multitude
Round about her grave, all of them slain, fallen by the sword,
Which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth,
Which caused their terror in the land of the living;
Yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit.
- 25 They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude:
Her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword.
Though their terror was caused in the land of the living,
Yet have they borne their shame with them that go down to the pit:
He is put in the midst of *them that be slain*.
- 26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude:
Her graves are round about him: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword,
Though they caused their terror in the land of the living.
- 27 And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are fallen* of the uncircumcised,
Which are gone down to hell with their weapons of war:
And they have laid their swords under their heads,
But their iniquities shall be upon their bones,
Though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living.
- 28 Yea, thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised,
And shalt lie with *them that are slain* by the sword.
- 29 There is Edom, her kings, and all her princes,
Which with their might are laid by *them that were* slain by the sword:
They shall lie with the uncircumcised,
And with them that go down to the pit.
- 30 There be the princes of the north, all of them.
And all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain;
With their terror they are ashamed of their might;
And they lie uncircumcised with *them that be slain* by the sword,
And bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.
- 31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude,
Even Pharaoh and all his army slain by the sword, saith the Lord GOD.
- 32 For I have caused my terror in the land of the living:
And he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *them that are slain* with the sword,
Even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord GOD.
- 33 AGAIN** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them,
When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman:
3 If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people;
4 Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him.
But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul.
6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.
7 So thou, O Son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.
8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.
9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul.
10 Therefore, O thou son of man, speak unto the house of Israel; Thus ye speak, saying, If our transgressions and our sins be upon us, and we pine away in them, how should we then live?
11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
12 Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the

- righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth.
- 13 When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.
- 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right;
- 15 If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die.
- 16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.
- 17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the LORD is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal.
- 18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.
- 19 But if the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby.
- 20 Yet ye say, The way of the LORD is not equal. O ye house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.
- 21 **AND** it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, *that* one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, they that inhabit those wastes of the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we *are* many; the land is given us for inheritance. Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes toward your idols,
And shed blood: and shall ye possess the land?

- 26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination,
And ye defile every one his neighbor's wife: and shall ye possess the land?

- 27 Say thou thus unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
As I live, surely they that *are* in the wastes shall fall by the sword,
And him that *is* in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured,
And they that *be* in the forts and in the caves shall die of the pestilence.

- 28 For I will lay the land most desolate,
And the pomp of her strength shall cease;
And the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through.

- 29 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD,
When I have laid the land most desolate.
Because of all their abominations which they have committed.

- 30 Also, thou son of man, the children of thy people still are talking
Against thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses,
And speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying,

- Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the LORD.

- 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh,
And they sit before thee as my people,
And they hear thy words, but they will not do them:
For with their mouth they show much love,
But their heart goeth after their covetousness.

- 32 And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely song
Of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument:
For they hear thy words, but they do them not.

- 33 And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come.)
Then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

- 34 **AND** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds;

Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves!

Should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

- 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool,
Ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

- 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened,
Neither have ye healed that which was sick.
Neither have ye bound up *that which was* broken,
Neither have ye brought again that which was driven away,
Neither have ye sought that which was lost;
But with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.
- 5 And they were scattered, because *there is* no shepherd:
And they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered.
- 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill:
Yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek
after them.
- 7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD;
8 *As I* live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey,
And my flock became meat to every beast of the field.
Because *there was* no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock,
But the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;
- 9 Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD:
10 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I *am* against the shepherds;
And I will require my flock at their hand,
And cause them to cease from feeding the flock;
Neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more;
For I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them.
- 11 For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, *even I*,
Will both search my sheep, and seek them out.
12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day
That he is among his sheep *that are* scattered;
So will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places
Where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
- 13 And I will bring them out from the people,
And gather them from the countries,
And will bring them to their own land.
And feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers,
And in all the inhabited places of the country.
- 14 I will feed them in a good pasture,
And upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be:
There shall they lie in a good fold,
And in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.
- 15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.
16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away,
And will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick:
But I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.
- 17 And *as for* you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord GOD;
Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he-goats.
18 *Seemeth it* a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture,
But ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures?
And to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet?
- 19 And *as for* my flock, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet;
And they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.
20 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD unto them:
Behold, I, *even I*, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle.
- 21 Because ye have thrust with side and with shoulder,
And pushed all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad;
22 Therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey;
And I will judge between cattle and cattle.
- 23 And I will set up One shepherd over them, and he shall feed them.
Even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.
- 24 And I the LORD will be their God,
And my servant DAVID a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.
- 25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace,
And will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land:
And they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.
- 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing;
And I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of
blessing.
- 27 And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase,
And they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I *am* the LORD
When I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them
Out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.
- 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen,
Neither shall the beasts of the land devour them;
But they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.
- 29 And I will raise up for them a plant of renown,
And they shall be no more consumed with hunger in the land,
Neither bear the shame of the heathen any more.

- 30 Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God *am* with them,
And that they, *even* the house of Israel, *are* my people; saith the Lord GOD.
31 And ye my flock, the flock of my pasture, *are* men,
And I *am* your God, saith the LORD God.

35 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against
3 it, 'and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

- Behold, O mount Seir, I *am* against thee,
And I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate.
4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate,
And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD.
5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred,
And hast shed the blood of the children of Israel
By the force of the sword in the time of their calamity,
In the time that their iniquity *had* an end:
6 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD,
I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee:
Sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.
7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate,
And cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.
8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain *men*:
In thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers,
Shall they fall that are slain with the sword.
9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return:
And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
10 Because thou hast said, 'These two nations and these two countries
Shall be mine, and we will possess it:' whereas the LORD was there:
11 Therefore, *as* I live, saith the Lord GOD,
I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used
out of thy hatred against them;
And I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.
12 And thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD,
And that I have heard all thy blasphemies
Which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel,
Saying, 'They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume.'
13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me,
And have multiplied your words against me: I have heard *them*.
14 Thus saith the Lord GOD;
When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.
15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel,
Because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee:
Thou shalt be desolate. O mount Seir, and all Idumea, *even* all of it:
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

36 ALSO, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel,
and say,

- Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:
2 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you,
'Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession:'
3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;
Because they have made *you* desolate, and swallowed you up on every side,
That ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen,
And ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and *are* an infamy of the people:
4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD;
Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills,
To the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes,
And to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision
To the residue of the heathen that *are* round about;
5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy
Have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all Idumea,
Which have appointed my land unto their possession
With the joy of all *their* heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.
6 Prophecy therefore concerning the land of Israel,
And say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys,
Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury,
Because ye have borne the shame of the heathen:
7 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I have lifted up mine hand,
Surely the heathen that *are* about you, they shall bear their shame.
8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches,
And yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come.
9 For, behold, I *am* for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown:
10 And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, *even* all of it:
And the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded:

- 11 And I will multiply upon you man and beast :
And they shall increase and bring fruit :
And I will settle you after your old estates,
And will do better *unto you* than at your beginnings :
And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 12 Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* my people Israel ;
And they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance,
And thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them of *men*.
- 13 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; Because they say unto you,
Thou *land* devourest up men, and hast bereaved thy nations ;
- 14 Therefore thou shalt devour men no more,
Neither bereave thy nations any more, saith the Lord GOD.
- 15 Neither will I cause *men* to hear in thee the shame of the heathen any more,
Neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the people any more,
Neither shalt thou cause thy nations to fall any more, saith the Lord GOD.
- 16 **MOREOVER** the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
- 17 Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings : their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.
- 18 Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it :
- 19 And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries : according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.
- 20 And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.
- 21 But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. Therefore say unto the house of Israel,
- 22 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; I do not *this* for your sakes. O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.
- 23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen : which ye have profaned in the midst of them ; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.
- 24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.
- 25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean : from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.
- 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you : and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh :
- 27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*.
- 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers ; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.
- 29 I will also save you from all your uncleannesses ; and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.
- 30 And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.
- 31 Then shall ye remember your own evil ways and your doings that *were* not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.
- 32 Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you : be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.
- 33 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.
- 34 And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.
- 35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden ; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, and are inhabited.
- 36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places*, and plant that that was desolate : I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*.
- 37 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; I will yet *for* this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them ; I will increase them with men like a flock.
- 38 As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts ; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men : and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 37 **THE** hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones, and caused me to pass by them round about : and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley ; and, lo, *they were* very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live ? and I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. Again he said unto me,
- Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.
- 6 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones ; Behold, I will cause *breath* to enter into you, and ye shall live :

- 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came
- 8 together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them
- 9 above: but *there was* no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind,

Thus saith the Lord GOD; come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

- 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.
- 12 Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.
- 13 And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves.
- 14 And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.
- 15 THE word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, 'Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of
- 17 Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions: and join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become
- 18 one in thine hand. And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou *mean-*
- 19 *est* by these? say unto them,

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.

- 20 'And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. 'And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
- 22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:
- 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their GOD.
- 24 And David my servant *shall* be king over them; and they all shall have One shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.
- 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall* be their prince for ever.
- 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.
- 27 My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- 28 And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

- 38 AND the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophecy against him, 'and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

- Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal :
- 4 And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws,
And I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen,
All of them clothed with all sorts of armor, even a great company
With bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords :
- 5 Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them ; all of them with shield and helmet :
- 6 Gomer, and all his bands ; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters,
And all his bands : and many people with thee.
- 7 Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company
That are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them.
- 8 After many days thou shalt be visited :
In the latter years thou shalt come into the land
That is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people,
Against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste :
But it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.
- 9 Thou shalt ascend and come like a storm,
Thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land,
Thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee.
- 10 Thus saith the Lord GOD : It shall also come to pass,
That at the same time shall things come into thy mind,
And thou shalt think an evil thought :
- 11 And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwall'd villages ;
I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely,
All of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,
- 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey ;
To turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited,
And upon the people that are gathered out of the nations,
Which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.
- 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish,
With all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee,
Art thou come to take a spoil ?
Hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey ?
To carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil ?
- 14 THEREFORE, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus
saith the Lord GOD ;
- In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it ?
- 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts,
Thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses,
A great company, and a mighty army :
- 16 And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land ;
It shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land,
That the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their
eyes.
- 17 Thus saith the Lord GOD ; Art thou he of whom I have spoken
In old time, by my servants the prophets of Israel,
Which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them ?
- 18 And it shall come to pass at the same time
When Gog shall come against the land of Israel,
Saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.
- 19 For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken,
Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel ;
- 20 So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven,
And the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth,
And all the men that are upon the face of the earth,
Shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down,
And the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.
- 21 And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains,
Saith the Lord GOD ; every man's sword shall be against his brother.
- 22 And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood ;
And I will rain upon him, and upon his bands,
And upon the many people that are with him,
An overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
- 23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself ;
And I will be known in the eyes of many nations,
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 39 THEREFORE, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say,
Thus saith the Lord GOD ;
- Behold, I *am* against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal :
- 2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee,
And will cause thee to come up from the north parts,
And will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel :

- 3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand,
And will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
- 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel,
Thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee :
I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort,
And to the beasts of the field to be devoured.
- 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field :
For I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.
- 6 And I will send a fire on Magog,
And among them that dwell carelessly in the isles :
And they shall know that I *am* the LORD.
- 7 So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel ;
And I will not let them pollute my holy name any more :
And the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.
- 8 Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord GOD ;
This is the day whereof I have spoken.
- 9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth,
And shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers,
The bows and the arrows, and the hand-staves, and the spears,
And they shall burn them with fire seven years :
- 10 So that they shall take no wood out of the field,
Neither cut down *any* out of the forests ;
For they shall burn the weapons with fire :
And they shall spoil those that spoiled them,
And rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord GOD.
- 11 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea : and it shall stop the *noes* of the passengers : and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude : and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog.
- 12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land.
- 13 Yea, all the people of the land shall bury *them* ; and it shall be to them a renown the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord GOD.
- 14 And they shall sever out men of continual employment, passing through the land to bury with the passengers those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it : after the end of seven months shall they search.
- 15 And the passengers *that* pass through the land, when *any* seeth a man's bone, then shall he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog.
- 16 And also the name of the city *shall be* Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the land.
- 17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD ; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field. Assemble yourselves, and come ; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.
- 18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.
- 19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.
- 20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.
- 21 And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.
- 22 SO the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward.
- 23 And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity : because they trespassed against me, therefore hid I my face from them, and gave them into the hand of their enemies : so fell they all by the sword.
- 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions have I done unto them, and hid my face from them.
- 25 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ; Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name ;
- 26 After that they have borne their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they dwelt safely in their land, and none made *them* afraid.
- 27 When I have brought them again from the people, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations ;
- 28 Then shall they know that I *am* the LORD their God, which caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen : but I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there.
- 29 Neither will I hide my face any more from them : for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.
- 40** IN the five-and-twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the selfsame day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me thither.

- 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which *was* as the
3 frame of a city on the south. And he brought me thither, and, behold, *there was* a man, whose appearance *was* like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring-reed; and he stood in the gate. And the man said unto me, 'Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show thee; for to the intent that I might show *them* unto thee *art* thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel.'
- 5 AND behold a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring-reed of six cubits *long* by the cubit and an hand-breadth: so he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.
- 6 THEN came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the stairs thereof, and measured the threshold of the gate, *which was* one reed broad; and the other threshold of
7 the gate, *which was* one reed broad. And *every* little chamber *was* one reed long, and one reed broad; and between the little chambers *were* five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch
8 of the gate within *was* one reed. He measured also the porch of the gate within, one reed. Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the posts thereof, two cubits; and the
10 porch of the gate *was* inward. And the little chambers of the gate eastward *were* three on this side, and three on that side; they three *were* of one measure: and the posts had one measure
11 on this side and on that side. And he measured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits; *and* the length of the gate, thirteen cubits. The space also before the little chambers *was* one cubit *on this side*, and the space *was* one cubit on that side: and the little chambers *were* six cubits on this side, and six cubits
13 on that side. He measured then the gate from the roof of *one* little chamber to the roof of another: the breadth *was* five-and-
14 twenty cubits, door against door. He made also posts of three-score cubits, even unto the post of the court round about the
15 gate. And from the face of the gate of the entrance unto the face of the porch of the inner gate *were* fifty cubits. And *there were* narrow windows to the little chambers, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the arches: and windows *were* round about inward: and upon *each* post *were* palm-trees.
- 17 THEN brought he me into the outward court, and, lo, *there were* chambers, and a pavement made for the court round about: thirty chambers *were* upon the pavement. And the pavement by the side of the gates over-against the length of the gates *was* the lower pavement. Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the fore-front of the inner court without, an hundred cubits eastward and northward.
- 20 AND the gate of the outward court that looked toward the north, he measured the length thereof, and the breadth thereof.
- 21 And the little chambers thereof *were* three on this side and three

on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof *was* fifty
22 cubits, and the breadth five-and-twenty cubits. And their windows, and their arches, and their palm-trees, *were* after the measure of the gate that looketh toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches thereof *were* before them.
23 And the gate of the inner court *was* over-against the gate toward the north, and toward the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred cubits.
24 AFTER that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and
25 the arches thereof according to these measures. And *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five-and-
26 twenty cubits. And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof *were* before them: and it had palm-trees, one on
27 this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.
28 AND he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and
29 he measured the south gate according to these measures; and the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and *there were* windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty cubits long,
30 and five-and-twenty cubits broad. And the arches round about
31 *were* five-and-twenty cubits long, and five cubits broad. And the arches thereof *were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.
32 AND he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and
33 he measured the gate according to these measures. And the little chambers thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, *were* according to these measures: and *there were* windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: *it was* fifty
34 cubits long, and five-and-twenty cubits broad. And the arches thereof *were* toward the outward court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps.
35 AND he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures; the little chambers thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, and the windows to it round about: the length *was* fifty cubits, and the breadth five-and-
37 twenty cubits. And the posts thereof *were* toward the outer court; and palm-trees *were* upon the posts thereof, on this side,
38 and on that side: and the going up to it *had* eight steps. And the chambers and the entries thereof *were* by the posts of the
39 gates, where they washed the burnt-offering. And in the porch of the gate *were* two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the sin-offering and
40 the trespass-offering. And at the side without, as one goeth up to the entry of the north gate, *were* two tables; and on the other
41 side, which *was* at the porch of the gate, *were* two tables. Four

- tables *were* on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, whereupon they slew *their sacrifices*.
- 42 And the four tables *were* of hewn stone for the burnt-offering, of a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon also they laid the instruments
- 43 wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice. And within *were* hooks, an hand broad, fastened round about: and upon the tables *was* the flesh of the offering.
- 44 AND without the inner gate *were* the chambers of the singers in the inner court, which *was* at the side of the north gate; and their prospect *was* toward the south: one at the side of the east
- 45 gate *having* the prospect toward the north. And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect *is* toward the south, *is* for the
- 46 priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. And the chamber whose prospect *is* toward the north *is* for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these *are* the sons of Zadok among the sons of Levi, which come near to the LORD to minister unto him.
- 47 So he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, four-square; and the altar *that was* before the house.
- 48 AND he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate *was* three cubits on this
- 49 side, and three cubits on that side. The length of the porch *was* twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; and *he brought me* by the steps whereby they went up to it: and *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.
- 41 AFTERWARD he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on
- 2 the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle. And the breadth of the door *was* ten cubits; and the sides of the door *were* five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits: and the breadth, twenty cubits.
- 3 THEN went he inward, and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door, six cubits; and the breadth of the door,
- 4 seven cubits. So he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This *is* the most holy *place*.
- 5 AFTER he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *every* side chamber, four cubits, round about the house
- 6 on every side. And the side chambers *were* three, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which *was* of the house for the side chambers round about, that they might have hold, but they had not hold in the wall of the
- 7 house. And *there was* an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side chambers: for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house *was still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest chamber to the highest by the midst. I saw also the height of

- the house round about: the foundations of the side chambers
9 *were* a full reed of six great cubits. The thickness of the wall,
which *was* for the side chamber without, *was* five cubits: and
that which *was* left *was* the place of the side chambers that *were*
10 within. And between the chambers *was* the wideness of twenty
11 cubits round about the house on every side. And the doors of
the side chambers *were* toward the place that *was* left, one door
toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the
breadth of the place that *was* left *was* five cubits round about.
- 12 Now the building that *was* before the separate place at the
end toward the west *was* seventy cubits broad: and the wall of
the building *was* five cubits thick round about, and the length
13 thereof ninety cubits. So he measured the house, an hundred
cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the
14 walls thereof, an hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the
face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an
hundred cubits.
- 15 AND he measured the length of the building over-against the
separate place which *was* behind it, and the galleries thereof on
the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits, with the
16 inner temple, and the porches of the court; the door-posts, and
the narrow windows, and the galleries round about on their three
stories, over-against the door, ceiled with wood round about, and
from the ground up to the windows, and the windows *were*
17 covered; to that above the door, even unto the inner house, and
without, and by all the wall round about within and without, by
18 measure. And *it was* made with cherubims and palm-trees, so
that a palm-tree *was* between a cherub and a cherub; and *every*
19 cherub had two faces; so that the face of a man *was* toward the
palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward
the palm-tree on the other side: *it was* made through all the
20 house round about. From the ground unto above the door
were cherubims and palm-trees made, and *on* the wall of the
21 temple. The posts of the temple *were* squared, and the face of
the sanctuary; the appearance of the one as the appearance of
22 the other. The altar of wood *was* three cubits high, and the
length thereof two cubits; and the corners thereof, and the
length thereof, and the walls thereof, *were* of wood: and he said
23 unto me, This *is* the table that *is* before the LORD. And the
24 temple and the sanctuary had two doors. And the doors had
two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one
25 door, and two leaves for the other door. And *there were* made on
them, on the doors of the temple, cherubims and palm-trees, like
as *were* made upon the walls; and *there were* thick planks upon
26 the face of the porch without. And *there were* narrow windows
and palm-trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides
of the porch, and upon the side chambers of the house, and thick
planks.
- 42 THEN he brought me forth into the outer court, the way to-
ward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that *was*
over-against the separate place, and which *was* before the build-

2 ing toward the north. Before the length of an hundred cubits
3 *was* the north door, and the breadth *was* fifty cubits. Over-against
the twenty *cubits* which *were* for the inner court, and over-against
4 the pavement which *was* for the outer court, *was* gallery against
gallery in three *stories*. And before the chambers *was* a walk
5 of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors
toward the north. Now the upper chambers *were* shorter: for
6 the galleries were higher than these, than the lower, and than
the middlemost of the building. For they *were* in three *stories*,
but had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore *the*
building was straitened more than the lowest and the middle-
most from the ground.

7 AND the wall that *was* without over-against the chambers,
toward the outer court on the forepart of the chambers, the
8 length thereof *was* fifty cubits. For the length of the chambers
that *were* in the outer court *was* fifty cubits: and, lo, before the
temple *were* an hundred cubits.

9 AND from under these chambers *was* the entry on the east side,
10 as one goeth into them from the outer court. The chambers
were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east,
over-against the separate place, and over-against the building.
11 And the way before them *was* like the appearance of the cham-
bers which *were* toward the north, as long as they, *and* as broad
as they: and all their goings out *were* both according to their
12 fashions, and according to their doors. And according to the
doors of the chambers that *were* toward the south *was* a door in
the head of the way, *even* the way directly before the wall to-
ward the east, as one entereth into them.

13 THEN said he unto me, 'The north chambers *and* the south
chambers, which *are* before the separate place, they *be* holy
chambers, where the priests that approach unto the LORD shall
eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy
things, and the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, and the tres-
14 pass-offering; for the place *is* holy. When the priests enter
therein, then shall they not go out of the holy *place* into the outer
court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they min-
ister; for they *are* holy; and shall put on other garments, and
shall approach to *those things* which *are* for the people.'

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house,
he brought me forth toward the gate whose prospect *is* toward
16 the east, and measured it round about. He measured the east
side with the measuring-reed, five hundred reeds, with the meas-
17 uring-reed round about. He measured the north side, five hun-
18 dred reeds, with the measuring-reed round about. He measured
19 the south side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring-reed. He
turned about to the west side, *and* measured five hundred reeds
20 with the measuring-reed. He measured it by the four sides: it
had a wall round about, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hun-
dred broad, to make a separation between the sanctuary and the
profane place.

43 AFTERWARD he brought me to the gate, *even* the gate that

- 2 looketh toward the east: and, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice *was* like the
 3 noise of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. And *it was* according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city: and the visions *were* like the vision that I saw by the
 4 river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. So the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the LORD
 6 filled the house. And I heard *him* speaking unto me out of the
 7 house; and the man stood by me. And he said unto me,

Son of man, the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever,

And my holy name, shall the house of Israel no more defile, *neither* they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, nor by the carcasses of their kings in their high places.

- 8 In their setting of their threshold by my thresholds, and their posts by my posts, and the wall between me and them,

They have even defiled my holy name by their abominations that they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger.

- 9 Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

- 10 Thou son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them measure the pattern.

- 11 And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof.

And the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof:

And write it in their sight, that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them.

- 12 This is the law of the house: Upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about *shall be* most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

- 13 And these *are* the measures of the altar after the cubits: The cubit *is* a cubit and an hand-breadth; even the bottom *shall be* a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about *shall be* a span: and this *shall be* the higher
 14 place of the altar. And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even* to the lower settle *shall be* two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle *even* to the greater settle *shall be* four
 15 cubits, and the breadth *one* cubit. So the altar *shall be* four cubits;
 16 and from the altar and upward *shall be* four horns. And the altar *shall be* twelve cubits long, twelve broad, square in the four
 17 squares thereof. And the settle *shall be* fourteen cubits long and fourteen broad in the four squares thereof; and the border about it *shall be* half a cubit: and the bottom thereof *shall be* a cubit about; and his stairs shall look toward the east.

- 18 And he said unto me, Son of man, Thus saith the Lord GOD;

These *are* the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon.

- 19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which approach unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord GOD, a young bullock for a sin-offering.

- 20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse and purge it.

- 21 Thou shalt take the bullock also of the sin-offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary.

- 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock.

- 23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish.

- 24 And thou shalt offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto the LORD.

- 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat *for* a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish.
 26 Seven days shall they purge the altar, and purify it; and they shall consecrate themselves.
 27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, *that* upon the eighth day, and so forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord GOD.

44 THEN he brought me back the way of the gate of the outward
 2 sanctuary which looketh toward the east; and it *was* shut. Then said the LORD unto me;

This gate shall be shut, it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the LORD, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut.

- 3 *It is* for the prince; the prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD; he shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the way of the same.

4 THEN brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled
 5 the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face. And the LORD said unto me,

Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary.

- 6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations,
 7 In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.
 8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.
 9 Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel.
 10 And the Levites that are gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, which went astray away from me after their idols; they shall even bear their iniquity.
 11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house, and ministering to the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them.
 12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity; therefore have I lifted up mine hand against them, saith the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity.
 13 And they shall not come near unto me, to do the office of a priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, in the most holy place: but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed.
 14 But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.
 15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD;
 16 They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.
 17 And it shall come to pass, *that* when they enter in at the gates of the inner court, they shall be clothed with linen garments; and no wool shall come upon them, whiles they minister in the gates of the inner court, and within.
 18 They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any thing that causeth sweat.
 19 And when they go forth into the outer court, *even* into the outer court to the people, they shall put off their garments wherein they ministered, and lay them in the holy chambers, and they shall put on other garments; and they shall not sanctify the people with their garments.
 20 Neither shall they shave their heads, nor suffer their locks to grow long; they shall only poll their heads.
 21 Neither shall any priest drink wine, when they enter into the inner court.
 22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away: but they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that had a priest before.
 23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.
 24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.
 25 And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister, that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves.

- 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days.
- 27 And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, unto the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord GOD.
- 28 And it shall be unto them for an inheritance: I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel: I am their possession.
- 29 They shall eat the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs.
- 30 And the first of all the first-fruits of all things, and every oblation of all, of every sort of your oblations, shall be the priest's: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your dough, that he may cause the blessing to rest in thine house.
- 31 The priest shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.
- 45 MOREOVER, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the LORD, an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five-and-twenty thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders thereof round about.
- 2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred in length, with five hundred in breadth, square round about; and fifty cubits round about for the suburbs thereof.
- 3 And of this measure shalt thou measure the length of five-and-twenty thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary and the most holy place.
- 4 The holy portion of the land shall be for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary, which shall come near to minister unto the LORD: and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary.
- 5 And the five-and-twenty thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also the Levites, the ministers of the house, have for themselves, for a possession for twenty chambers.
- 6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five-and-twenty thousand long, over-against the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel.
- 7 And a portion shall be for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the oblation of the holy portion, and of the possession of the city, before the oblation of the holy portion, and before the possession of the city, from the west side westward, and from the east side eastward: and the length shall be over-against one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border.
- 8 In the land shall be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; and the rest of the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.
- 9 THUS saith the Lord GOD: Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgment and justice, take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord GOD.
- 10 Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath.
- 11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the homer.
- 12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five-and-twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your maneh.
- 13 This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah of an homer of barley:
- 14 Concerning the ordinance of oil, the bath of oil, ye shall offer the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is an homer of ten baths; for ten baths are an homer:
- 15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel; for a meat-offering, and for a burnt-offering, and for peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for them, saith the Lord GOD.
- 16 All the people of the land shall give this oblation for the prince in Israel.
- 17 And it shall be the prince's part to give burnt-offerings, and meat-offerings, and drink-offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemnities of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meat-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make reconciliation for the house of Israel.
- 18 Thus saith the Lord GOD: In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish, and cleanse the sanctuary:
- 19 And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court.
- 20 And so thou shalt do the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye reconcile the house.
- 21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten.
- 22 And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for a sin-offering.
- 23 And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt-offering to the LORD, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a kid of the goats daily for a sin-offering.
- 24 And he shall prepare a meat-offering of an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of oil for an ephah.
- 25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, shall he do the like in the feast of

- the seven days, according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meat-offering, and according to the oil.
- 46 Thus saith the Lord GOD : The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days ; but on the sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened.
- 2 And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate : then he shall go forth ; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.
- 3 Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons.
- 4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath-day *shall be* six lambs without blemish, and a ram without blemish.
- 5 And the meat-offering *shall be* an ephah for a ram, and the meat-offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.
- 6 And in the day of the new moon it *shall be* a young bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram : they shall be without blemish.
- 7 And he shall prepare a meat-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs according as his hand shall attain unto, and an hin of oil to an ephah.
- 8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.
- 9 But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he that entereth in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate ; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate : he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth over-against it.
- 10 And the prince in the midst of them, when they go in, shall go in ; and when they go forth, shall go forth.
- 11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meat-offering shall be an ephah to a bullock, and an ephah to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an ephah.
- 12 Now when the prince shall prepare a voluntary burnt-offering or peace-offerings voluntarily unto the LORD, *one* shall then open him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he did on the sabbath-day : then he shall go forth ; and after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate.
- 13 Thou shalt daily prepare a burnt-offering unto the LORD of a lamb of the first year without blemish : thou shalt prepare it every morning.
- 14 And thou shalt prepare a meat-offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and a third part of an hin of oil, to temper with the fine flour ; a meat-offering continually by a perpetual ordinance unto the LORD.
- 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meat-offering, and the oil, every morning for a continual burnt-offering.
- 16 THUS saith the Lord GOD ; If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, the inheritance thereof shall be his sons' ; it *shall be* their possession by inheritance.
- 17 But if he give a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty ; after it shall return to the prince : but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them.
- 18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession ; *but* he shall give his sons inheritance out of his own possession : that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.
- 19 AFTER he brought me through the entry, which *was* at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers of the priests, which looked toward the north : and, behold, there *was* a place on the two
- 20 sides westward. Then said he unto me,
- This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, where they shall bake the meat-offering ; that they bear *them* not out into the outer court, to sanctify the people.
- 21 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court ; and, behold, in every corner of the court *there was* a court.
- 22 In the four corners of the court *there were* courts joined of forty cubits long and thirty broad : these four corners *were* of one measure.
- 23 And *there was* a row of building round about in them, round about them four, and it *was* made with boiling places under the rows round about.
- 24 Then said he unto me, These *are* the places of them that boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.
- 47 AFTERWARD he brought me again unto the door of the house ; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward : for the forefront of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under the right side
- 2 of the house, at the south *side* of the altar. Then brought he

- me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looketh eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side. And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the ancles. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; the waters *were* to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; the waters *were* to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over. And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river *were* very many trees on the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me,

- These waters issue out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea: *which being* brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed.
- And it shall come to pass, *that* every thing that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the rivers shall come, shall live: and there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come thither: for they shall be healed; and every thing shall live whither the river cometh.
- And it shall come to pass, *that* the fishers shall stand upon it from En-gedi even unto Englain; they shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many.
- But the miry places, thereof and the marshes thereof shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt.
- And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for medicine.
- THUS saith the Lord GOD; This *shall be* the border, whereby ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph *shall have* two portions.
- And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another: *concerning* the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.
- And this *shall be* the border of the land toward the north side, from the great sea, the way of Hethlon, as men go to Zedad;
- Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; Hazar-batticon, which is by the coast of Hauran.
- And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus, and the north northward, and the border of Hamath. And *this is* the north side.
- And the east side ye shall measure from Hauran, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border unto the east sea. And *this is* the east side.
- And the south side southward, from Tamar *even* to the waters of strife in Kadesh, the river to the great sea. And *this is* the south side southward.
- The west side also *shall be* the great sea from the border, till a man come over-against Hamath. This is the west side.
- So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel.
- And it shall come to pass, *that* ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you, and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you: and they shall be unto you as born in the country among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel.
- And it shall come to pass, *that* in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord GOD.
- NOW these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hethlon, as one goeth to Hamath, Hazar-enan, the border of Damascus northward, to the coast of Hamath; for these are his sides east and west; a *portion* for Dan.
- And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion* for Asher.
- And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion* for Naphtali.
- And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion* for Manasseh.
- And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, a *portion* for Ephraim.
- And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion* for Reuben.

- 7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side even unto the west side, a *portion* for Judah.
- 8 AND by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the offering which ye shall offer of five-and-twenty thousand *reeds* in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it.
- 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto the LORD *shall be* of five-and-twenty thousand in length, and of ten thousand in breadth.
- 10 And for them, *even for the priests*, shall be *this* holy oblation; toward the north five-and-twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five-and-twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the midst thereof.
- 11 *It shall be* for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok; which have kept my charge, which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray.
- 12 And *this* oblation of the land that is offered shall be unto them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites.
- 13 And over-against the border of the priests the Levites *shall have* five-and-twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length *shall be* five-and-twenty thousand, and the breadth ten thousand.
- 14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the first-fruits of the land: for *it is* holy unto the LORD.
- 15 AND the five thousand, that are left in the breadth over-against the five-and-twenty thousand, shall be a profane *place* for the city, for dwelling, and for suburbs: and the city shall be in the midst thereof.
- 16 And these *shall be* the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred.
- 17 And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty.
- 18 And the residue in length over-against the oblation of the holy *portion shall be* ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be over-against the oblation of the holy *portion*; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that serve the city.
- 19 And they that serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel.
- 20 ALL the oblation *shall be* five-and-twenty thousand by five-and-twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the possession of the city.
- 21 And the residue *shall be* for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, over-against the five-and-twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward over-against the five-and-twenty thousand toward the west border, over-against the portions for the prince: and it shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house *shall be* in the midst thereof.
- 22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, *being* in the midst of *that* which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.
- 23 AS for the rest of the tribes, from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin *shall have* a *portion*.
- 24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon *shall have* a *portion*.
- 25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar a *portion*.
- 26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun a *portion*.
- 27 And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side, Gad a *portion*.
- 28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of strife in Kadesh, and to the river toward the great sea.
- 29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their portions, saith the Lord GOD.
- 30 And these are the goings out of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures.
- 31 And the gates of the city *shall be* after the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward; one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.
- 32 And at the east side four thousand and five hundred: and three gates; and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.
- 33 And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures: and three gates; one gate of Simeon, one gate of Issachar, one gate of Zebulun.
- 34 At the west side four thousand and five hundred, with their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Naphtali.
- 35 *It was* round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from *that* day *shall be*, The LORD is there.

THE BOOK OF DANIEL.

1 IN the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged
2 it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God : which he carried into the land of Shinar to the house of his god ; and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god.

3 AND the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring *certain* of the children of Israel, and of the
4 king's seed, and of the princes ; children in whom *was* no blemish, but well-favored, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as *had* ability in them to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might
5 teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. And the king appointed them a daily provision of the king's meat, and of the wine which he drank : so nourishing them three years, that
6 at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael,
7 and Azariah : unto whom the prince of the eunuchs gave names : for he gave unto Daniel *the name* of Belteshazzar ; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach ; and to Mishael, of Meshach ; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 BUT Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank ; therefore he requested of the prince of the
9 eunuchs that he might not defile himself. Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs.
10 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink : for why should he see your faces worse liking than the children which
11 *are* of your sort ? then shall ye make *me* endanger my head to the king. Then said Daniel to Melzar, whom the prince of the
12 eunuchs had set over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, ' Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days ; and let them give
13 us pulse to eat, and water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the children that eat of the portion of the king's meat : and as thou seest,
14 deal with thy servants. So he consented to them in this matter, and proved them ten days. And at the end of ten days their
15 countenances appeared fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children which did eat the portion of the king's meat. Thus
16 Melzar took away the portion of their meat, and the wine that they should drink ; and gave them pulse.

17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom : and Daniel had understanding
18 in all visions and dreams. Now at the end of the days that the king had said he should bring them in, then the prince of the
19 eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the

king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah: therefore stood
20 they before the king. And in all matters of wisdom *and* understanding, that the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers that *were* in all his
21 realm. And Daniel continued *even* unto the first year of king Cyrus:

2 **AND** in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was
3 troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to show the king his dreams. So
4 they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to
5 know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriac, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and
6 we will show the interpretation. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not
7 make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dung-
8 hill. But if ye show the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: there-
9 fore show me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation of it. The king answered
10 and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, *there is but* one decree for you: for
11 ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king's matter: therefore,
12 *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler, *that* asked such things at any
13 magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And *it is* a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with
14 flesh. For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and
15 commanded to destroy all the wise *men* of Babylon. And the decree went forth that the wise *men* should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain.

16 **THEN** Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the
17 wise *men* of Babylon: he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree *so* hasty from the king? Then Arioch
18 made the thing known to Daniel. Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he
19 would show the king the interpretation. Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishaël, and
20 Azariah, his companions: that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fel-

- lows should not perish with the rest of the wise *men* of Babylon.
- 19 Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision.
- 20 Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. 'Daniel answered and said, 'Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: 22 'he revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is 23 in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee. O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast *now* made known unto us the king's matter.'
- 24 THEREFORE Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had ordained to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise *men* of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation.
- 25 Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the captives of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation.
- 26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which 27 I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded cannot the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the soothsayers, show unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, 28 and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; as for thee, O king, thy thoughts came *into thy mind* upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets 29 maketh known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living, but for *their* sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.
- 31 THOU, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness *was* excellent, stood before thee; and the 32 form thereof *was* terrible. This image's head *was* of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, 33 'his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay. 'Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet *that were* of iron and clay, and brake 35 them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.
- 36 This *is* the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king.
- 37 THOU, O king, *art* a king of kings: for the God of heaven hath

- 38 given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. *Thou art this head of gold.*
- 39 And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all
- 40 the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all *things*: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.
- 41 And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the
- 42 iron mixed with miry clay. And *as* the toes of the feet *were* part of iron, and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly
- 43 strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron
- 44 is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it
- 45 shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the sione was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream *is* certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.
- 46 THEN the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors unto him. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, 'Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest
- 48 reveal this secret.' Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over
- 49 all the wise *men* of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel *sat* in the gate of the king.
- 3 **NEBUCHADNEZZAR** the king made an image of gold, whose height *was* threescore cubits, *and* the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, in the province of
- 2 Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchad-
- 3 nezzar the king had set up. Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Neb-

4 uchadnezzar had set up. Then an herald cried aloud, To you it
5 is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, *'that* at what
time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psal-
tery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship
the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath set up:
6 and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same
7 hour be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. There-
fore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the
cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all
the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* wor-
shipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had
set up.

8 WHEREFORE at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and
9 accused the Jews. They spake and said to the king Nebuchad-
10 nezzar, O king, live for ever. Thou, O king, hast made a decree,
that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute,
harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music,
11 shall fall down and worship the golden image: and whoso falleth
not down and worshippeth, *that* he should be cast into the midst
12 of a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom thou
hast set over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach,
Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded
thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image
which thou hast set up.

13 THEN Nebuchadnezzar in *his* rage and fury commanded to
bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they brought
14 these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said
unto them, *Is it true*, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, do
not ye serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I
15 have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the
sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer,
and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image
which I have made; *well*: but if ye worship not, ye shall be
cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace;
and who *is* that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?
16 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the
king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we *are* not careful to answer thee in
17 this matter. If it be *so*, our God whom we serve is able to de-
liver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver *us*
18 out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee,
O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden
image which thou hast set up.

19 THEN was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his
visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego:
therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the
furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated.
20 And he commanded the most mighty men that *were* in his army
to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, *and* to cast *them* into
21 the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their
coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their *other* garments, and
22 were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. There-

- fore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that
23 took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.
- 24 THEN Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered
25 and said unto the king, True, O king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the son of
26 God. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come *hither*. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,
27 came forth of the midst of the fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats
28 changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, 'Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor
29 worship any god, except their own God. Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other God that can deliver
30 after this sort.' Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.
- 4 "NEBUCHADNEZZAR the king unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied
2 unto you. I thought it good to show the signs and wonders that
3 the high God hath wrought toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.
- 4 "I NEBUCHADNEZZAR was at rest in mine house, and flourishing in my palace: I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled
6 me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the
7 interpretation of the dream. Then came in the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the
8 interpretation thereof. But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy Gods: and before him
9 I told the dream, saying, 'O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I knew that the spirit of the holy Gods is in thee,

and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream
10 that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof. Thus *were* the
visions of mine head in my bed; I saw, and behold a tree in the
11 midst of the earth, and the height thereof *was* great. The tree
grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto hea-
12 ven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the earth: the leaves
thereof *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it *was* meat
for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls
of the heaven dwelt in the boughs thereof, and all flesh was fed
13 of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold,
14 a watcher and an holy one came down from heaven: he cried
aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches,
shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away
15 from under it, and the fowls from his branches: nevertheless leave
the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and
brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the
dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts in the grass
16 of the earth. Let his heart be changed from man's, and let a
beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times pass over
17 him. This matter *is* by the decree of the watchers, and the
demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the
living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of
men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over
18 it the basest of men. This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have
seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation
thereof, forasmuch as all the wise *men* of my kingdom are not
able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou *art*
able; for the spirit of the holy Gods *is* in thee.

19 "THEN Daniel, whose name *was* Belteshazzar, was astonished for
one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spake, and
said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation thereof,
trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream
be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine
20 enemies. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong,
whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to
21 all the earth; whose leaves *were* fair, and the fruit thereof much,
and in it *was* meat for all; under which the beasts of the field
dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had
22 their habitation: it *is* thou, O king, that art grown and become
strong: for thy greatness is grown; and reacheth unto heaven;
23 and thy dominion to the end of the earth. And whereas the
king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven,
and saying, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet leave the
stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron
and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with
the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion *be* with the beasts of the
24 field, till seven times pass over him; this *is* the interpretation,
O king, and this *is* the decree of the Most High, which is come
25 upon my lord the king: That they shall drive thee from men,
and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and they
shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and they shall wet thee

with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee, till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the Heavens do rule. Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by showing mercy to the poor; if it may be a lengthening of thy tranquillity.

"ALL this came upon the king Nebuchadnezzar. 'At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. The king spake, and said, Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honor of my majesty? While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken; The kingdom is departed from thee. And they shall drive thee from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field: they shall make thee to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee, until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hairs were grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? At the same time my reason returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, mine honor and brightness returned unto me; and my counselors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added unto me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase."

BELSHAZZAR the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, whiles he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

- 5 IN the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over-against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote.
- 6 Then the king's countenance was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosed, and his
- 7 knees smote one against another. The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. And the king spake, and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about his
- 8 neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise *men*: but they could not read the writing,
- 9 nor make known to the king the interpretation thereof. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were astonished.
- 10 Now the queen, by reason of the words of the king and his lords, came into the banquet-house: and the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever: let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor
- 11 let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy Gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding, and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, *I say*, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will show the
- 12 interpretation. Then was Daniel brought in before the king. And the king spake and said unto Daniel, *Art* thou that Daniel, which *art* of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the
- 13 king my father brought out of Jewry? I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the Gods is in thee, and *that* light and
- 14 understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee. And now the wise *men*, the astrologers, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not show the interpreta-
- 15 tion of the thing: and I have heard of thee, that *thou* canst make interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.
- 16 THEN Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; yet I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the inter-
- 17 pretation. O thou king, the most high God gave Nebuchadnezzar
- 18 thy father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor: and for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would
- 19 he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his
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heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling *was* with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and *that* he appointeth over it whomsoever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lord, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose *are* all thy ways, hast thou not glorified: then was the part of the hand sent from him; and this writing was written.

AND this *is* the writing that was written, MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN. This *is* the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and finished it. TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. PERES; Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

THEN commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet, and *put* a chain of gold about his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom. In that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. And Darius the Median took the kingdom, *being* about threescore and two years old.

IT pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; and over these three presidents; of whom Daniel *was* first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit *was* in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

THEN the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he *was* faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and princes assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the counsellors, and the captains, have consulted together to establish a royal statute, and to make a firm decree, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the decree, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the

- 9 Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the decree.
- 10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did afore-
- 11 time. Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and
- 12 making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a *petition* of any god or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians,
- 13 which altereth not. Then answered they, and said before the king, That Daniel, which *is* of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast
- 14 signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was sore displeased with himself, and set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he labored
- 15 till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians *is*, That no decree nor
- 16 statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast *him* into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, 'Thy
- 17 God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.' And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.
- 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep went from him.
- 19 THEN the king arose very early in the morning, and went in
- 20 haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: *and* the king spake and said to Daniel, 'O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from
- 21 the lions?' Then said Daniel unto the king, 'O king, live for
- 22 ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have
- 23 I done no hurt.' Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt
- 24 was found upon him, because he believed in his God. And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast *them* into the den of lions, *them*, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth;

26 'Peace be multiplied unto you. 'I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he *is* the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion *shall be even* unto the end. He delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.'

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

7 **IN** the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream, *and* told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heaven strove upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first *was* like a lion, and had eagles' wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made stand upon the feet as a man, and a man's heart was given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and *it had* three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. 6 After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it *was* diverse from all the beasts that *were* before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn *were* eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment *was* white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne *was like* the fiery flame, *and* his wheels *as* burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: 11 the judgment was set, and the books were opened. I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld *even* till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their 13 lives were prolonged for a season and time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they 14 brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

15 I DANIEL was grieved in my spirit in the midst of *my* body,
16 and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one
of them that stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he
told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, *which* shall arise out of the earth.
18 But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever,
even for ever and ever.

19 THEN I would know the truth of the fourth beast, which was
diverse from all the others, exceeding dreadful, whose teeth *were*
of iron, and his nails of brass; *which* devoured, brake in pieces,
20 and stamped the residue with his feet: and of the ten horns that
were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before
whom three fell; even of that horn that had eyes, and a mouth
that spake very great things, whose look *was* more stout than his
21 fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints,
22 and prevailed against them; until the Ancient of days came, and
judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time
came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be
diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and
break it in pieces.

24 And the ten horns out of this king ~~are~~ *are* ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise
after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.

25 And he shall speak *great* words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the
Most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand
until a time and times and the dividing of time.

26 But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to
destroy it unto the end.

27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven,
shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an ever-
lasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

28 HITHERTO is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my
cogitations much troubled me, and my countenance changed in
me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

3 IN the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision
appeared unto me, *even unto* me Daniel, after that which appear-
2 ed unto me at the first. And I saw in a vision; and it came to
pass, when I saw, that I *was* at Shushan in the palace, which is
in the province of Elam; and I saw in a vision, and I was by
the river of Ulai.

3 Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood
before the river a ram which had *two* horns: and the *two* horns
were high; but one *was* higher than the other, and the higher
4 came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward,
and southward; so that no beasts might stand before him, neither
was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did
5 according to his will, and became great. And as I was consider-
ing, behold, an he-goat came from the west on the face of the
whole earth, and touched not the ground: and the goat *had* a
6 notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that
had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and
7 ran unto him in the fury of his power. And I saw him come
close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him,
and smote the ram, and brake his two horns: and there was no
power in the ram to stand before him, but he cast him down to

the ground, and stamped upon him: and there was none that
 8 could deliver the ram out of his hand. Therefore the he-goat
 waxed very great: and when he was strong, the great horn was
 broken; and for it came up four notable ones toward the four
 9 winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little
 horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and to-
 10 ward the east, and toward the pleasant *land*. And it waxed
 great, *even* to the host of heaven; and it cast down *some* of the
 host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them.
 11 Yea, he magnified *himself* even to the prince of the host, and by
 him the daily *sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his
 12 sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given *him* against
 the daily *sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it cast down
 13 the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then
 I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that cer-
 tain *saint* which spake, How long *shall be* the vision concerning
 the daily *sacrifice*, and the transgression of desolation, to give
 14 both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And
 he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days;
 then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.

15 AND it came to pass, when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision,
 and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me
 16 as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between
 the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this *man*
 17 to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood: and
 when he came, I was afraid, and fell upon my face: but he said
 unto me, Understand, O son of man: for at the time of the end
 18 *shall be* the vision. Now as he was speaking with me, I was in
 a deep sleep on my face toward the ground: but he touched me,
 19 and set me upright. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know
 what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time
 appointed the end *shall be*.

20 THE ram which thou sawest having two horns are the kings of Media and Persia.
 21 And the rough goat is the king of Grecia: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the
 first king.
 22 Now that being broken, whereas four stood up for it, four kingdoms shall stand up out of
 the nation, but not in his power.
 23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king
 of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up.
 24 And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonder-
 fully, and shall prosper, and increase, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.
 25 And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand: and he shall magnify
 himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the
 Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.
 26 And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true: wherefore shut thou
 up the vision; for it shall be for many days.

27 AND I Daniel fainted, and was sick *certain* days; afterward I
 rose up, and did the king's business; and I was astonished at the
 vision, but none understood it.

9 **127** the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed
 of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chal-
 deans; in the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by books
 the number of the years, whereof the word of the LORD came
 to Jeremiah the prophet, that he would accomplish seventy years
 in the desolations of Jerusalem. And I set my face unto the Lord

GOD, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sack-cloth, and ashes: and I prayed unto the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said,

‘O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness *belongeth* unto thee, but unto us confusion of faces, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, *that are near, and that are far off*, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us *belongeth* confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against thee. To the LORD our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As *it is* written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the LORD watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the LORD our God *is* righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thine anger and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people *are become* a reproach to all *that are* about us. Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of thy servant, and his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, for the Lord’s sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not present our supplications before thee for our righteousness, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake. O my God: for thy city and thy people are called by thy name.’

20 AND whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God;
 21 yea, whiles I *was* speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation.
 22 And he informed *me*, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I
 23 am now come forth to give thee skill and understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment came forth, and I am come to show *thee*; for thou *art* greatly beloved: therefore understand the matter, and consider the vision.

24 SEVENTY weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.

25 KNOW therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince *shall* be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

26 AND after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof *shall be* with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

27 AND he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.

10 IN the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar: and the thing *was* true, but the time appointed *was* long: and he understood
 2 the thing, and had understanding of the vision. In those days I
 3 Daniel was mourning three full weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint
 4 myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. And in the four-and-twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side
 5 of the great river, which is Hiddekel; then I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a certain man clothed in linen, whose
 6 loins *were* girded with fine gold of Uphaz: his body also *was* like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in color to polished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a
 7 multitude. And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision: but a great quaking fell upon
 8 them, so that they fled to hide themselves. Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and
 9 I retained no strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I in a deep sleep
 10 on my face, and my face toward the ground. And, behold, an hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and *upon* the
 11 palms of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he
 12 had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy
 13 God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But

- the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one-and-twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help
 14 me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in
 15 the latter days: for yet the vision is for *many* days. And when he had spoken such words unto me, I set my face toward
 16 the ground, and I became dumb. And, behold, *one* like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I
 17 have retained no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me.
 18 Then there came again and touched me *one* like the appearance
 19 of a man, and he strengthened me, and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for thou hast strengthened me.
 20 THEN said he, Knowest thou wherefore I come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and
 21 when I am gone forth, lo, the prince of Grecia shall come. But I will show thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but
 22 Michael your prince. Also I in the first year of Darius the Mede, even I, stood to confirm and to strengthen him.

2 And now will I show thee the truth.

- Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and by his strength through his riches he shall stir up all against the realm of Grecia.
 3 And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do according to his will.
 4 And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside those.
 5 And the king of the south shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion: his dominion shall be a great dominion.
 6 And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the south shall come to the king of the north to make an agreement: but she shall not retain the power of the arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm: but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in these times.
 7 But out of a branch of her roots shall *one* stand up in his estate, which shall come with an army, and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:
 8 And shall also carry captives into Egypt their gods, with their princes, and with their precious vessels of silver and of gold; and he shall continue *more* years than the king of the north.
 9 So the king of the south shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land.
 10 But his sons shall be stirred up, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces: and *one* shall certainly come, and overflow, and pass through: then shall he return, and be stirred up, even to his fortress.
 11 And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand.
 12 And when he hath taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up; and he shall cast down *many* ten thousands: but he shall not be strengthened *by it*.
 13 For the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches.
 14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the robbers of thy people shall exalt themselves to establish the vision; but they shall fall.
 15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take the most fenced cities: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall *there be any* strength to withstand.

- 16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, which by his hand shall be consumed.
- 17 He shall also set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom; and upright ones with him; thus shall he do: and he shall give him the daughter of women, corrupting her: but she shall not stand on *his side*, neither be for him.
- 18 After this shall he turn his face unto the isles, and shall take many: but a prince for his own behalf shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; without his own reproach he shall cause it to turn upon him.
- 19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and not be found.
- 20 Then shall stand up in his estate a raiser of taxes in the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle.
- 21 And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.
- 22 And with the arms of a flood shall they be overflown from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also the prince of the covenant.
- 23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong with a small people.
- 24 He shall enter peaceably even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them the prey, and spoil, and riches: yea, and he shall forecast his devices against the strong holds, even for a time.
- 25 And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army; but he shall not stand: for they shall forecast devices against him.
- 26 Yea, they that feed of the portion of his meat shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many shall fall down slain.
- 27 And both these kings' hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.
- 28 Then shall he return into his land with great riches; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do *exploits*, and return to his own land.
- 29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come toward the south; but it shall not be as the former, or as the latter.
- 30 For the ships of Chittim shall come against him: therefore he shall be grieved, and return, and have indignation against the holy covenant: so shall he do; he shall even return, and have intelligence with them that forsake the holy covenant.
- 31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.
- 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do *exploits*.
- 33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days.
- 34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with flatteries.
- 35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white, *even* to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.
- 36 And the king shall do according to his will: and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished: for that that is determined shall be done.
- 37 Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all.
- 38 But in his estate shall he honor the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.
- 39 Thus shall he do in the most strong holds with a strange god, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for gain.
- 40 And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.
- 41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, *even* Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.
- 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape.
- 43 But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps.
- 44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many.
- 45 And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palaces between the seas in the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.
- 12 AND at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation *even* to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
- 2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

- 3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.
- 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
- 5 THEN I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what *shall be* the end of these *things*? And he said,
- Go thy way, Daniel: for the words *are* closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
- 10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.
- 11 And from the time that the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up; *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days.
- 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five-and-thirty days.
- 13 But go thou thy way till the end *be*: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

HOSEA.

- 1 THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT CAME UNTO HOSEA, THE SON OF BEERI, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.
- 2 THE beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, *departing* from the LORD. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son. And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel;
- For yet a little *while*,
And I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu,
And will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel.
- 5 And it shall come to pass at that day,
That I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.
- 6 And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah:
- For I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel;
But I will utterly take them away.
- 7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah,
And will save them by the LORD their God,
And will not save them by bow, nor by sword,
Nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.
- 8 Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and
- 9 bare a son. Then said God, Call his name Lo-ammi:
- For ye *are* not my people,
And I will not be your God.

- 10 YET the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured nor numbered :
And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them,
'Ye are not my people,'
There it shall be said unto them,
'Ye are the sons of the living God.'
- 11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together,
And appoint themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land :
For great *shall be* the day of Jezreel.
- 2 SAY ye unto your brethren, Ammi;
And to your sisters, Rubamah.
- 2 Plead with your mother, plead :
For she is not my wife, neither am I her husband :
Let her therefore put away her whoredoms out of her sight,
And her adulteries from between her breasts ;
- 3 Lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born,
And make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst.
- 4 And I will not have mercy upon her children ;
For they *be* the children of whoredoms.
- 5 For their mother hath played the harlot :
She that conceived them hath done shamefully :
For she said, I will go after my lovers,
That give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink.
- 6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns,
And make a wall, that she shall not find her paths.
- 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them ;
And she shall seek them, but shall not find them :
Then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband ;
For then *was it* better with me than now.
- 8 For she did not know that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil,
And multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal.
- 9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time thereof,
And my wine in the season thereof,
And will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness.
- 10 And now will I discover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers,
And none shall deliver her out of mine hand.
- 11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease,
Her feast-days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts.
- 12 And I will destroy her vines and her fig-trees, whereof she hath said,
'These *are* my rewards that my lovers have given me :'
And I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them.
- 13 And I will visit upon her the days of Baalim,
Wherein she burned incense to them,
And she decked herself with her ear-rings and her jewels,
And she went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith the LORD.
- 14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
And bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.
- 15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence,
And the valley of Achor for a door of hope :
And she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth,
And as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.
- 16 And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD,
That thou shalt call me 'Ishi,' and shalt call me no more 'Baali.'
- 17 For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth,
And they shall no more be remembered by their name.
- 18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them
With the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven,
And with the creeping things of the ground :
And I will break the bow and the sword and the battle
Out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely.
- 19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever ;
Yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness,
And in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies.
- 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness :
And thou shalt know the LORD.
- 21 And it shall come to pass in that day,
I will hear, saith the LORD.
I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth ;
- 22 And the earth shall hear the corn, and the wine, and the oil ;
And they shall hear Jezreel.
- 23 And I will sow her unto me in the earth ;
And I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy ;
And I will say to them *which were* not my people, 'Thou art my people ;'
And they shall say, 'Thou art my God.'

- 3 Then said the LORD unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the children of Israel, who look to other gods, and
 2 love flagons of wine. So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and for an homer of barley, and an half homer of
 3 barley: and I said unto her,

Thou shalt abide for me many days: thou shalt not play the harlot, And thou shalt not be for another man: so will I also be for thee.

- 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king,

And without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image,

- 5 And without an ephod, and without teraphim:

Afterward shall the children of Israel return,

- 5 And seek the LORD their God, and David their king;

And shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

- 4 HEAR the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel:

For the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, Because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.

- 2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing,

And committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood.

- 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish,

With the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven;

- 4 Yea, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away.

Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another:

- 4 For thy people are as they that strive with the priest.

- 5 Therefore shalt thou fall in the day,

And the prophet also shall fall with thee in the night,

And I will destroy thy mother.

- 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge:

Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,

That thou shalt be no priest to me:

Seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

- 7 As they were increased, so they sinned against me:

Therefore will I change their glory into shame.

- 8 They eat up the sin of my people,

And they set their heart on their iniquity.

- 9 And there shall be, like people, like priest:

And I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings.

- 10 For they shall eat, and not have enough:

They shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase:

Because they have left off to take heed to the LORD.

- 11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the heart.

- 12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them:

For the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err,

And they have gone a whoring from under their God.

- 13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills,

Under oaks and poplars and elms, because the shadow thereof is good:

Therefore your daughters shall commit whoredom,

And your spouses shall commit adultery.

- 14 I will not punish your daughters when they commit whoredom,

Nor your spouses when they commit adultery:

For themselves are separated with whores, and they sacrifice with harlots:

Therefore the people that doth not understand shall fall.

- 15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend;

And come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven,

Nor swear, 'The LORD liveth.'

- 16 For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer:

Now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place.

- 17 Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone.

- 18 Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually.

Her rulers with shame do love, 'Give ye.'

- 19 The wind hath bound her up in her wings,

And they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

- 5 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel;

And give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you,

Because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

- 2 And the revolvers are profound to make slaughter,

Though I have been a rebuker of them all.

- 3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me:

For now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.

- 4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God:

For the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

- 5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face:

- Therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity ;
 Judah also shall fall with them.
- 6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD ;
 But they shall not find him ; he hath withdrawn himself from them.
- 7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD :
 For they have begotten strange children :
 Now shall a mouth devour them with their portions.
- 8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah :
 Cry aloud at Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin.
- 9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke :
 Among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.
- 10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound :
 Therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.
- 11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment,
 Because he willingly walked after the commandment.
- 12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth,
 And to the house of Judah as rottenness.
- 13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound,
 Then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb :
 Yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.
- 14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah :
 I, even I, will tear and go away ; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.
- 15 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence,
 And seek my face : in their affliction they will seek me early.
- 6 COME, and let us return unto the LORD :
 For he hath torn, and he will heal us ;
 He hath smitten, and he will bind us up.
- 2 After two-days will he revive us :
 In the third day he will raise us up,
 And we shall live in his sight.
- 3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the LORD :
 His going forth is prepared as the morning ;
 And he shall come unto us as the rain.
 As the latter and former rain unto the earth.
- 4 O EPHRAIM, what shall I do unto thee ? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee ?
 For your goodness is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goeth away.
- 5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets ;
 I have slain them by the words of my mouth :
 And thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth.
- 6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice ;
 And the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings.
- 7 But they like men have transgressed the covenant :
 There have they dealt treacherously against me.
- 8 Gilead is a city of them that work iniquity, and is polluted with blood.
 And as troops of robbers wait for a man,
 So the company of priests murder in the way by consent :
 For they commit lewdness.
- 10 I have seen an horrible thing in the house of Israel :
 There is the whoredom of Ephraim, Israel is defiled.
- 11 Also, O Judah, he hath set an harvest for thee,
 When I returned the captivity of my people.
 When I would have healed Israel,
- 7 Then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria :
 For they commit falsehood ;
 And the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without.
- 2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness :
 Now their own doings have beset them about ; they are before my face.
- 3 They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies.
- 4 They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker.
 Who ceaseth from raising after he hath kneaded the dough, until it be leavened.
- 5 In the day of our king the princes have made him sick with bottles of wine ;
 He stretched out his hand with scorn.
- 6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait :
 Their baker sleepeth all the night ; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.
- 7 They are all hot as an oven, and have devoured their judges ;
 All their kings are fallen : there is none among them that calleth unto me.
- 8 Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people ; Ephraim is a cake not turned.
- 9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not :
 Yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.
- 10 And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face :
 And they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this.
- 11 EPHRAIM also is like a silly dove without heart :
 They call to Egypt, they go to Assyria.
- 12 When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them ;

- I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven ;
 I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard.
- 13 Woe unto them ! for they have fled from me :
 Destruction unto them ! because they have transgressed against me :
 Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against me.
- 14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart,
 When they howled upon their beds :
 They assemble themselves for corn and wine, and they rebel against me.
- 15 Though I have bound and strengthened their arms,
 Yet do they imagine mischief against me.
- 16 They return, but not to the Most High : they are like a deceitful bow :
 Their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue :
 This shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.
- 8 SET the trumpet to thy mouth.
 He shall come as an eagle against the house of the LORD,
 Because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law.
- 2 Israel shall cry unto me, ' My God, we know thee.'
 3 Israel hath cast off the thing that is good : the enemy shall pursue him.
- 4 They have set up kings, but not by me :
 They have made princes, and I knew it not :
 Of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off.
- 5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath cast thee off ;
 Mine anger is kindled against them :
 How long will it be ere they attain to innocency ?
- 6 Far from Israel was it also : the workman made it ;
 Therefore it is not God : but the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces.
- 7 For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind :
 It hath no stalk : the bud shall yield no meal :
 8 If so be it yield, the strangers shall swallow it up. ' Israel is swallowed up.
 Now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.
- 9 For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself :
 Ephraim hath hired lovers.
- 10 Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now will I gather them,
 And they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes.
- 11 Because Ephraim hath made many altars to sin, altars shall be unto him to sin.
- 12 I have written to him the great things of my law,
 But they were counted as a strange thing.
- 13 They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of mine offerings, and eat it ;
 But the LORD accepteth them not ; now will he remember their iniquity,
 And visit their sins : they shall return to Egypt.
- 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and buildeth temples ;
 And Judah hath multiplied fenced cities :
 But I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.
- 9 Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people :
 For thou hast gone a whoring from thy God,
 Thou hast loved a reward upon every corn-floor.
- 2 The floor and the wine-press shall not feed them,
 And the new wine shall fail in her.
- 3 They shall not dwell in the LORD'S land ;
 But Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean things in Assyria.
- 4 They shall not offer wine-offerings to the LORD,
 Neither shall they be pleasing unto him :
 Their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners ;
 All that eat thereof shall be polluted :
 For their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD.
- 5 What will ye do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD ?
 6 For, lo, they are gone because of destruction :
 Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them :
 The pleasant places for their silver, nettles shall possess them
 Thorns shall be in their tabernacles.
- 7 The days of visitation are come, the days of recompense are come ;
 Israel shall know it : the prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad,
 For the multitude of thine iniquity, and the great hatred.
- 8 The watchman of Ephraim was with my God :
 But the prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways,
 And hatred in the house of his God.
- 9 They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah :
 Therefore he will remember their iniquity, he will visit their sins.
- 10 I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness ;
 I saw your fathers as the first ripe in the fig-tree at the first time :
 But they went to Baal-peor, and separated themselves unto that shame ;
 And their abominations were according as they loved.
- 11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird,
 From the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception.
- 12 Though they bring up their children,

- Yet will I bereave them, *that there shall not be a man left* ;
 Yea, woe also to them when I depart from them :
- 13 Ephraim, as I saw Tyrus, is planted in a pleasant place :
 But Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the murderer.
- 14 Give them, O LORD : what wilt thou give ?
 Give them a miscarrying womb and dry breasts.
- 15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal : for there I hated them :
 For the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house,
 I will love them no more : all their princes are revolvers.
- 16 Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit :
 Yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay even the beloved fruit of their womb.
- 17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him :
 And they shall be wanderers among the nations.
- 10 Israel is an empty vine, he bringeth forth fruit unto himself :
 According to the multitude of his fruit he hath increased the altars ;
 According to the goodness of his land they have made goodly images.
- 2 Their heart is divided ; now shall they be found faulty :
 He shall break down their altars, he shall spoil their images.
- 3 For now they shall say, We have no king,
 Because we feared not the LORD ;
 What then should a king do to us ?
- 4 They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant :
 Thus judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field.
- 5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall fear because of the calves of Beth-aven :
 For the people thereof shall mourn over it, and the priests thereof
That rejoiced on it, for the glory thereof ; because it is departed from it.
- 6 It shall be also carried unto Assyria for a present to king Jareb :
 Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel
- 7 *As for Samaria, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.*
- 8 The high places also of Aven, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed :
 The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars ;
 And they shall say to the mountains, Cover us ; and to the hills, Fall on us.
- 9 O Israel, thou hast sinned from the days of Gibeah : there they stood :
 The battle in Gibeah against the children of iniquity did not overtake them.
- 10 *It is in my desire that I should chastise them ;
 And the people shall be gathered against them.*
 When they shall bind themselves in their two furrows.
- 11 And Ephraim is as an heifer that is taught, and loveth to tread out the corn ;
 But I passed over upon her fair neck : I will make Ephraim to ride ;
 Judah shall plow, and Jacob shall break his clods.
- 12 Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy ; break up your fallow ground :
 For it is time to seek the LORD,
 Till he come and rain righteousness upon you.
- 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity : ye have eaten the fruit of lies :
 Because thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men.
- 14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people,
 And all thy fortresses shall be spoiled,
 As Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel in the day of battle :
 The mother was dashed in pieces upon her children.
- 15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness :
 In the morning shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off.
- 11 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt.
 2 *As they called them, so they went from them :*
 They sacrificed unto Baalim, and burned incense to graven images.
- 3 I taught Ephraim also to go, taking them by their arms ;
 But they knew not that I healed them.
- 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love :
 And I was to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat unto them.
- 5 He shall not return into the land of Egypt.
- 6 But the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return.
 And the sword shall abide on his cities,
 And shall consume his branches,
 And devour them, because of their own counsels.
- 7 And my people are bent to backsliding from me :
 Though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exalt him.
- 8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim ? how shall I deliver thee, Israel ?
 How shall I make thee as Admah ? how shall I set thee as Zeboim ?
 Mine heart is turned within me, my repentings are kindled together.
- 9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger,
 I will not return to destroy Ephraim :
 For I am God, and not man ; the Holy One in the midst of thee :
 And I will not enter into the city.
- 10 They shall walk after the LORD : he shall roar like a lion :
 When he shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west.
- 11 They shall tremble as a bird out of Egypt,

- And as a dove out of the land of Assyria :
 And I will place them in their houses, saith the LORD.
- 12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit :
 But Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the saints.
- 12 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind :
 He daily increaseth lies and desolation ;
 And they do make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt.
- 2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah,
 And will punish Jacob according to his ways ;
 According to his doings will he recompense him.
- 3 He took his brother by the heel in the womb,
 And by his strength he had power with God :
- 4 Yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed :
 He wept, and made supplication unto him :
 He found him in Beth-el, and there he spake with us ;
- 5 Even the LORD God of hosts ; the LORD is his memorial.
- 6 Therefore turn thou to thy God :
 Keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.
- 7 He is a merchant, the balances of deceit are in his hand : he loveth to oppress.
- 8 And Ephraim said, Yet I am become rich, I have found me out substance :
 In all my labors they shall find none iniquity in me that were sin.
- 9 And I that am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt
 Will yet make thee to dwell in tabernacles, as in the days of the solemn feasts.
- 10 I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions,
 And used similitudes, by the ministry of the prophets.
- 11 Is there iniquity in Gilead ? surely they are vanity :
 They sacrifice bullocks in Gilgal ;
 Yea, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields.
- 12 And Jacob fled into the country of Syria,
 And Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept sheep.
- 13 And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt,
 And by a prophet was he preserved.
- 14 Ephraim provoked him to anger most bitterly :
 Therefore shall he leave his blood upon him,
 And his reproach shall his Lord return unto him.
- 13 When Ephraim spake trembling, he exalted himself in Israel ;
 But when he offended in Baal, he died.
- 2 And now they sin more and more,
 And have made them molten images of their silver,
 And idols according to their own understanding,
 All of it the work of the craftsmen :
- They say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves.
- 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud,
 And as the early dew that passeth away,
 As the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor,
 And as the smoke out of the chimney.
- 4 Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt,
 And thou shalt know no god but me : for there is no Savior beside me.
- 5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought.
- 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled ;
 They were filled, and their heart was exalted ; therefore have they forgotten me.
- 7 Therefore I will be unto them as a lion :
 As a leopard by the way will I observe them.
- 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps,
 And will rend the caul of their heart,
 And there will I devour them like a lion :
 The wild beast shall tear them.
- 9 O ISRAEL, thou hast destroyed thyself ; but in me is thine help.
- 10 I will be thy king : where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities ?
 And thy judges of whom thou saidst, ' Give me a king and princes ?'
- 11 I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath.
- 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up ; his sin is hid.
- 13 The sorrows of a travelling woman shall come upon him : he is an unwise son ;
 For he should not stay long in the place of the breaking forth of children.
- 14 I will ransom them from the power of the grave ; I will redeem them from death :
 O death, I will be thy plagues ; O grave, I will be thy destruction :
 Repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.
- 15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come,
 The wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness,
 And his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up :
 He shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant vessels.
- 16 Samaria shall become desolate ; for she hath rebelled against her God :
 They shall fall by the sword : their infants shall be dashed in pieces,
 And their women with child shall be ripped up.

- 14 O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God ;
For thou hast fallen by thine iniquity.
2 Take with you words, and turn to the LORD :
Say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and receive us graciously :
So will we render the calves of our lips.
3 Asshur shall not save us ; we will not ride upon horses :
Neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, *Ye are our gods*
For in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.
4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely :
For mine anger is turned away from him.
5 I will be as the dew unto Israel :
He shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon.
6 His branches shall spread,
And his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon.
7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return ;
They shall revive as the corn, and grow as the vine :
The scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon.
8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols ?
I have heard him, and observed him : I am like a green fir-tree.
From me is thy fruit found.
9 Who is wise, and he shall understand these things ?
Prudent, and he shall know them ?
For the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them :
But the transgressors shall fall therein.

JOEL.

1 THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT CAME TO JOEL THE SON OF PETHUEL.

- 2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land.
Hath this been in your days, or even in the days of your fathers ?
3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children,
And their children another generation.
4 That which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten ;
And that which the locust hath left hath the canker-worm eaten ;
And that which the canker-worm hath left, hath the caterpillar eaten.
5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep ; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine,
Because of the new wine ; for it is cut off from your mouth.
6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number,
Whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek-teeth of a great lion.
7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig-tree :
He hath made it clean bare, and cast it away ; the branches thereof are made white.
8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.
9 The meat-offering and the drink-offering is cut off from the house of the LORD ;
The priests, the LORD'S ministers, mourn.
10 The field is wasted, the land mourneth ; for the corn is wasted :
The new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth.
11 Be ye ashamed, O ye husbandmen ; howl, O ye vine-dressers,
For the wheat and for the barley ; because the harvest of the field is perished.
12 The vine is dried up, and the fig-tree languisheth ;
The pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree,
Even all the trees of the field, are withered :
Because joy is withered away from the sons of men.
13 Gird yourselves, and lament, ye priests : howl, ye ministers of the altar :
Come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God :
For the meat-offering and the drink-offering is withholden from the house of your God.
14 Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly,
Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land
Into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,
15 ' Alas for the day ! ' For the day of the LORD is at hand,
And as a destruction from the Almighty shall it come.
16 Is not the meat cut off before our eyes,
Yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God ?
17 The seed is rotten under their clods, the garners are laid desolate,
The barns are broken down, for the corn is withered.
18 How do the beasts groan ! the herds of cattle are perplexed,
Because they have no pasture ; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate.
19 O LORD, to thee will I cry :

- For the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness,
And the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.
- 20 The beasts of the field cry also unto thee :
For the rivers of waters are dried up.
And the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.
- 2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion.
And sound an alarm in my holy mountain :
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble :
For the day of the LORD come in, for it is nigh at hand ;
- 2 A day of darkness and of gloominess,
A day of clouds and of thick darkness,
As the morning spread upon the mountains :
A great people and a strong.
- There hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it.
Even to the years of many generations.
- 3 A fire devoureth before them ; and behind them a flame burneth :
The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness.
Yea, and nothing shall escape them.
- 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses ;
And as horsemen, so shall they run.
- 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap,
Like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble,
As a strong people set in battle array.
- 6 Before their face the people shall be much pained :
All faces shall gather blackness.
- 7 They shall run like mighty men ;
They shall climb the wall like men of war ;
And they shall march every one on his ways,
And they shall not break their ranks :
- 8 Neither shall one thrust another ;
They shall walk every one in his path :
And when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.
- 9 They shall run to and fro in the city ;
They shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses ;
They shall enter in at the windows like a thief.
- 10 The earth shall quake before them ; the heavens shall tremble :
The sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining :
- 11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army :
For his camp is very great : for he is strong that executeth his word :
For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible ; and who can abide it ?
- 12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD,
Turn ye even to me with all your heart,
And with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning :
13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God :
For he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,
And of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.
- 14 Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him,
Even a meat-offering and a drink-offering unto the LORD your God ?
- 15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly :
16 Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders,
Gather the children, and these that suck the breasts :
Let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
- 17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD,
Weep between the porch and the altar.
And let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD,
And give not thine heritage to reproach,
That the heathen should rule over them :
Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God ?
- 18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.
- 19 Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people,
Behold, I will send you corn, and wine,
And oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith :
And I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen :
- 20 But I will remove far off from you the northern army,
And will drive him into a land barren and desolate,
With his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea,
And his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up,
Because he hath done great things.
- 21 Fear not, O land ; be glad and rejoice : for the LORD will do great things.
- 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field :
For the pastures of the wilderness do spring,
For the tree beareth her fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength.
- 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God :
For he hath given you the former rain moderately,

- And he will cause to come down for you the rain,
The former rain, and the latter rain in the first month.
- 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat,
And the fats shall overflow with wine and oil.
- 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten,
The cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm,
My great army which I sent among you,
And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied,
- And praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you :
And my people shall never be ashamed.
- 27 And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel,
And that I *am* the LORD your God, and none else :
And my people shall never be ashamed.
- 28 AND it shall come to pass afterward,
That I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh ;
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions :
And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids
In those days will I pour out my spirit.
- 30 And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth,
Blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.
- 31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood,
Before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come.
- 32 And it shall come to pass,
That whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered :
For in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance.
- As the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.
- 3 For, behold, in those days, and in that time,
When I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,
I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat,
And will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel,
Whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.
- 3 And they have cast lots for my people : and have given a boy for an harlot,
And sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.
- 4 Yea, and what have ye to do with me, O Tyre,
And Sidon, and all the coasts of Palestine ?
Will ye render me a recompense ? and if ye recompense me,
Swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head ;
- 5 Because ye have taken my silver and my gold,
And have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things :
- 6 The children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem
Have ye sold unto the Grecians,
That ye might remove them far from their border.
- 7 Behold, I will raise them out of the place whither ye have sold them,
And will return your recompense upon your own head :
- 8 And I will sell your sons and your daughters
Into the hand of the children of Judah.
And they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a people far off :
For the LORD hath spoken it.
- 9 Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles ;
Prepare war, wake up the mighty men,
Let all the men of war draw near ; let them come up :
- 10 Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning-hooks into spears :
Let the weak say, I *am* strong.
- 11 Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen,
And gather yourselves together round about.
Thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O LORD.
- 12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat :
For there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.
- 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe : come, get you down ;
For the press is full, the fats overflow ; for their wickedness is great.
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision :
For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.
- 15 The sun and the moon shall be darkened,
And the stars shall withdraw their shining.
- 16 The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem ;
And the heavens and the earth shall shake :
- But the LORD *will* be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel.
- 17 So shall ye know that I *am* the LORD
Your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain :
Then shall Jerusalem be holy,
And there shall no strangers pass through her any more.
- 18 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk,
And all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters,

- And a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD,
 And shall water the valley of Shittim.
 19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness,
 For the violence *against* the children of Judah,
 Because they have shed innocent blood in their land.
 20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.
 21 For I will cleanse their blood *that* I have not cleansed:
 For the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

A M O S.

- 1** **THE** words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake. And he said,
 The LORD will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem;
 And the habitations of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither
3 **THUS** saith the LORD;
 For three transgressions of Damascus, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof:
 Because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron:
4 But I will send a fire into the house of Hazeel,
 Which shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.
5 I will break also the bar of Damascus,
 And cut off the inhabitant from the plain of Aven,
 And him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden:
 And the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.
6 **THUS** saith the LORD;
 For three transgressions of Gaza, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof;
 Because they carried away captive the whole captivity,
 To deliver *them* up to Edom;
7 But I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza,
 Which shall devour the palaces thereof:
8 And I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod,
 And him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon,
 And I will turn mine hand against Ekron:
 And the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord GOD.
9 **THUS** saith the LORD;
 For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof:
 Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom,
 And remembered not the brotherly covenant:
10 But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus,
 Which shall devour the palaces thereof.
11 **THUS** saith the LORD;
 For three transgressions of Edom, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof;
 Because he did pursue his brother with the sword,
 And did cast off all pity,
 And his anger did tear perpetually,
 And he kept his wrath for ever:
12 But I will send a fire upon Teman,
 Which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.
13 **THUS** saith the LORD;
 For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof;
 Because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead,
 That they might enlarge their border:
14 But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah,
 And it shall devour the palaces thereof,
 With shouting in the day of battle,
 With a tempest in the day of the whirlwind:
15 And their king shall go into captivity,
 He and his princes together, saith the LORD.
2 **THUS** saith the LORD;
 For three transgressions of Moab, and for four,

- I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof ;
 Because he burned the bones of the king of Edom into lime :
 2 But I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kirioth :
 And Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet :
 3 And I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof,
 And will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.
 4 THUS saith the LORD ;
 For three transgressions of Judah, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof ;
 Because they have despised the law of the LORD,
 And have not kept his commandments,
 And their lies caused them to err, after the which their fathers have walked .
 5 But I will send a fire upon Judah,
 And it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.
 6 THUS saith the LORD ;
 For three transgressions of Israel, and for four,
 I will not turn away *the punishment* thereof ;
 Because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes ;
 7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor,
 And turn aside the way of the meek :
 And a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name :
 8 And they lay *themselves* down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar,
 And they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.
 9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them,
 Whose height *was* like the height of the cedars, and he *was* strong as the oaks ;
 Yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath.
 10 Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
 And led you forty years through the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite.
 11 And I raised up of your sons for prophets,
 And of your young men for Nazarites.
Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.
 12 But ye gave the Nazarites wine to drink :
 And commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not.
 13 Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.
 14 Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift,
 And the strong shall not strengthen his force,
 Neither shall the mighty deliver himself :
 15 Neither shall he stand that handleth the bow ;
 And *he that is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself* :
 Neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself.
 16 And *he that is* courageous among the mighty
 Shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.
 3 Hear this word, that the LORD
 Hath spoken against you, O children of Israel,
 Against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying,
 2 'You only have I known of all the families of the earth :'
 Therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.
 3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed ?
 4 Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey ?
 Will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing ?
 5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is for him ?
 Shall *one* take up a snare from the earth, and have taken nothing at all ?
 6 Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid ?
 Shall there be evil in the city, and the LORD hath not done *it* ?
 7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing,
 But he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.
 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear ?
 The Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy ?
 9 Publish in the palaces at Asidod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt,
 And say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria,
 And behold the great tumults in the midst thereof,
 And the oppressed in the midst thereof.
 10 For they know not to do right, saith the LORD,
 Who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.
 11 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD ;
 An adversary *there shall be* even round about the land :
 And he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled.
 12 THUS saith the LORD :
 As the shepherd taketh out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear ;
 So shall the children of Israel be taken out
 That dwell in Samaria in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus in a couch.
 13 Hear ye, and testify in the house of Jacob, saith the Lord GOD, the God of Hosts,
 14 That in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him
 I will also visit the altars of Beth-el :
 And the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground.

- 15 And I will smite the winter-house with the summer-house;
And the houses of ivory shall perish,
And the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.
- 4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan,
That are in the mountain of Samaria,
Which oppress the poor, which crush the needy,
Which say to their masters, Bring, and let us drink.
- 2 The Lord GOD hath sworn by his holiness,
That, lo, the days shall come upon you,
That he will take you away with hooks, and your posterity with fish-hooks.
- 3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every one at that watch is before her;
And ye shall cast them into the palace, saith the LORD.
- 4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression;
And bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years:
- 5 And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with heaven,
And proclaim and publish the free offerings:
For this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.
- 6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities,
And want of bread in all your places:
Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
- 7 And also I have withholden the rain from you,
When there were yet three months to the harvest:
And I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city;
One piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered.
- 8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city, to drink water;
But they were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
- 9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew:
When your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees
And your olive-trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them:
Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
- 10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt:
Your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses;
And I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils:
Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
- 11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah,
And ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning:
Yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.
- 12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel:
And because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.
- 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind,
And declareth unto man what is his thought,
That maketh the morning darkness,
And treadeth upon the high places of the earth,
The LORD the God of hosts, is his name.
- 5 Hear ye this word which I take up against you,
Even a lamentation, O house of Israel.
- 2 'The virgin of Israel is fallen;
She shall no more rise:
She is forsaken upon her land;
There is none to raise her up.'
- 3 For thus saith the Lord GOD:
The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred,
And that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.
- 4 For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel,
Seek ye me, and ye shall live:
- 5 But seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba:
For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought.
- 6 Seek the LORD, and ye shall live;
Lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and devour it,
And there be none to quench it in Beth-el.
- 7 Ye who turn judgment to wormwood, and leave off righteousness in the earth,
8 Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion,
And turneth the shadow of death into the morning,
And calleth the day dark with night:
That calleth for the waters of the sea,
And poureth them out upon the face of the earth:
The LORD is his name:
- 9 That strengtheneth the spoiled against the strong,
So that the spoiled shall come against the fortress.
- 10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate,
And they abhor him that speaketh uprightly.
- 11 Forasmuch therefore as your treading is upon the poor,
And ye take from him burdens of wheat:
Ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them;
Ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink wine of them.

- 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your mighty sins :
 They afflict the just, they take a bribe,
 And they turn aside the poor in the gate *from their right*.
 13 Therefore the prudent shall keep silence in that time ; for it is an evil time.
 14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live :
 And so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye have spoken.
 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate :
 It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.
 16 Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD, saith thus :
 Wailing *shall be* in all streets ; and they shall say in all the high-ways, Alas ! alas !
 And they shall call the husbandman to mourning,
 And such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing.
 17 And in all vineyards *shall be* wailing : for I will pass through thee, saith the LORD.
 18 Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD !
 To what end is it for you ? the day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.
 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him ;
 Or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.
 20 *Shall not* the day of the LORD *be* darkness, and not light ?
 Even very dark, and no brightness in it ?
 21 I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not smell in your solemn assemblies.
 22 Though ye offer me burnt-offerings and your meat-offerings, I will not accept them :
 Neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts.
 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs ;
 For I will not hear the melody of thy viols.
 24 But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.
 25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel ?
 26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves.
 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus,
 Saith the LORD, whose name is The God of hosts.
 6 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria,
 Which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came !
 2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see ; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great :
 Then go down to Gath of the Philistines :
Be they better than these kingdoms ? or their border greater than your border ?
 3 Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near ;
 4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches,
 And eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall ;
 5 That chant to the sound of the viol,
 And invent to themselves instruments of music, like David ;
 6 That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments :
 But they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.
 7 Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive,
 And the banquet of them that stretched themselves shall be removed.
 8 The Lord GOD hath sworn by himself,
 Saith the LORD the God of hosts :
 I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and have his palaces :
 Therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.
 9 And it shall come to pass.
 If there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die.
 10 And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he that burneth him,
 To bring out the bones out of the house.
 And shall say unto him that is by the sides of the house,
Is there yet any with thee ? and he shall say, No.
 Then shall he say, Hold thy tongue :
 For we may not make mention of the name of the LORD.
 11 For, behold, the LORD commandeth,
 And he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts.
 12 Shall horses run upon the rock ? will one plow *there* with oxen ?
 For ye have turned judgment into gail, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock
 13 Ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say,
 Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength ?
 14 But, behold, I will raise up against you a nation,
 O house of Israel, saith the LORD the God of hosts ;
 And they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of the wilderness.

7 **THUS** hath the Lord GOD showed unto me ; and, behold, he formed grasshoppers in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth ; and, lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings. And it came to pass, *that* when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said,

O Lord GOD, forgive, I beseech thee:
By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
The LORD repented for this:
It shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 THUS hath the Lord GOD showed unto me: and, behold, the
Lord GOD called to contend by fire, and it devoured the great
5 deep, and did eat up a part. Then said I,

O Lord GOD, cease, I beseech thee:
By whom shall Jacob arise? for he is small.
The LORD repented for this:
This also shall not be, saith the Lord GOD.

7 THUS he showed me: and, behold, the LORD stood upon a
8 wall *made* by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And
the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said,
A plumbline. Then said the LORD,

Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel:

I will not again pass by them any more:

9 And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate,
And the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste;
And I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 THEN Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of
Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of
the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.
11 For thus Amos saith, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel
12 shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. Also
Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into
13 the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: but
prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it *is* the king's
14 chapel, and it *is* the king's court. Then answered Amos, and
said to Amaziah, I *was* no prophet, neither *was* I a prophet's son;
15 but I *was* an herdman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: and
the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said
16 unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore
hear thou the word of the LORD:

Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel,
And drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac.
17 Therefore thus saith the LORD;

Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city,
And thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword,
And thy land shall be divided by line;
And thou shalt die in a polluted land:
And Israel shall surely go into captivity forth of his land.

3 THUS hath the Lord GOD showed unto me: and behold a
2 basket of summer-fruit. And he said, Amos, what seest thou?
And I said, A basket of summer-fruit. Then said the LORD
unto me,

The end is come upon my people of Israel;
I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord GOD:
There shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast *them* forth with silence.

4 Hear this, O ye that swallow up the needy,
Even to make the poor of the land to fail,

5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn?

And the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat,

Making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and falsifying the balances by deceit?

6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes;

Yea, and sell the refuse of the wheat?

7 The LORD hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob,
Surely I will never forget any of their works.

8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein?

- And it shall rise up wholly as a flood ;
 And it shall be cast out and drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.
 9 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord GOD,
 That I will cause the sun to go down at noon,
 And I will darken the earth in the clear day ;
 10 And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation ;
 And I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head ;
 And I will make it as the mourning of an only son, and the end thereof as a bitter day.
 11 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD,
 That I will send a famine in the land,
 Not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
 But of hearing the words of the LORD :
 12 And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east,
 They shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.
 13 In that day shall the fair virgins and young men faint for thirst.
 14 They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, ' Thy god, O Dan, liveth ;'
 And, ' The manner of Beer-sheba liveth ;' even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

9 I saw the LORD standing upon the altar : and he said,

- SMITE the lintel of the door, that the posts may shake :
 And cut them in the head, all of them ;
 And I will slay the last of them with the sword :
 He that fleeth of them shall not flee away,
 And he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.
 2 Though they dig into hell, thence shall mine hand take them ;
 Though they climb up to heaven, thence will I bring them down :
 3 And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel,
 I will search and take them out thence ;
 And though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea,
 Thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them :
 4 And though they go into captivity before their enemies,
 Thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them :
 And I will set mine eyes upon them for evil, and not for good.
 5 And the Lord GOD of hosts is he that toucheth the land,
 And it shall melt, and all that dwell therein shall mourn :
 And it shall rise up wholly like a flood ;
 And shall be drowned, as *by* the flood of Egypt.
 6 *It is* he that buildeth his stories in the heaven,
 And hath founded his troop in the earth ;
 He that calleth for the waters of the sea,
 And poureth them out upon the face of the earth :
 The LORD *is* his name.
 7 *Are ye* not as children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel ? saith the LORD
 Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt ?
 And the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir ?
 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD *are* upon the sinful kingdom,
 And I will destroy it from off the face of the earth ;
 Saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD.
 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations,
 Like as *corn* is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth.
 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword,
 Which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.
 11 IN that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen,
 And close up the breaches thereof ;
 And I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old :
 12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen,
 Which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.
 13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
 That the plowman shall overtake the reaper,
 And the treader of grapes him that soweth seed ;
 And the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt.
 14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel,
 And they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them ;
 And they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof ;
 They shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.
 15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up
 Out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

OBADIAH.

THE VISION OF OBADIAH.

- Thus saith the Lord GOD concerning Edom ;
 We have heard a rumor from the LORD,
 And an ambassador is sent among the heathen,
 Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle.
- 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen : thou art greatly despised.
 3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee,
 Thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high ;
 That saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground ?
- 4 Though thou exalt *thyself* as the eagle,
 And though thou set thy nest among the stars,
 Thence will I bring thee down, saith the LORD.
- 5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night,
 (How art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough ?
 if the grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave *some* grapes ?
- 6 How are the *things* of Esau searched out ! *how* are his hidden things sought up !
 7 All the men of thy confederacy have brought thee *even* to the border :
 The men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, *and* prevailed against thee ;
They that eat thy bread have laid a wound under thee :
- 8 *There is none* understanding in him.
 Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD,
 Even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom,
 And understanding out of the mount of Esau ?
- 9 And thy mighty *men*, O Teman, shall be dismayed,
 To the end that every one of the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.
- 10 For *thy* violence against thy brother Jacob
 Shame shall cover thee, and *thou* shalt be cut off for ever.
- 11 In the day that thou stoodest on the other side,
 In the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces,
 And foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem,
 Even thou *wast* as one of them.
- 12 But thou shouldest not have looked on the day of thy brother
 In the day that he became a stranger ;
 Neither shouldest thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah
 In the day of their destruction ;
 Neither shouldest thou have spoken proudly in the day of distress.
- 13 Thou shouldest not have entered into the gate of my people
 In the day of their calamity ;
 Yea, thou shouldest not have looked on their affliction
 In the day of their calamity,
- 14 Nor have laid *hands* on their substance in the day of their calamity ;
 Neither shouldest thou have stood in the crossway,
 To cut off those of his that did escape ;
 Neither shouldest thou have delivered up those of his
 That did remain in the day of distress.
- 15 For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen :
 As thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee :
 Thy reward shall return upon thine own head.
- 16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain,
 So shall all the heathen drink continually,
 Yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down,
 And they shall be as though they had not been.
- 17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness ;
 And the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions.
- 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame,
 And the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them,
 And devour them ; and there shall not be *any* remaining of the house of Esau ;
 For the LORD hath spoken it.
- 19 And *they* of the south shall possess the mount of Esau ;
 And *they* of the plain the Philistines :
 And they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria :
 And Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead.
- 20 And the captivity of this host of the children of Israel
Shall possess that of the Canaanites, *even* unto Zarephath ;
 And the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad,
 Shall possess the cities of the south.
- 21 And saviors shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau ;
 And the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

JONAH.

1 NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME UNTO JONAH THE SON
2 OF AMITTAI, saying, 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and
3 cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. But
 Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the
 LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to
 Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to
 go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

4 BUT the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there
 was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be
5 broken. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man
 unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into
 the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into
6 the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. So the
 shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou,
 O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think
7 upon us, that we perish not. And they said every one to his
 fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose
 cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon
8 Jonah. Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for
 whose cause this evil *is* upon us? What *is* thine occupation?
 and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what
9 people *art* thou? And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew; and
 I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea
10 and the dry *land*. Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and
 said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew
 that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told
11 them. Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee,
 that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was
12 tempestuous. And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me
 forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know
13 that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you. Nevertheless
 the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not:
14 for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them. Where-
 fore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O
 LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life,
 and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done
15 as it pleased thee. So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth
16 into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. Then the
 men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto
 the LORD, and made vows.

17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah.
 And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three
2 nights. Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the
2 fish's belly, and said,

I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me;
 Out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.
3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas:
 And the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

- 4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight;
Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
5 The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul:
The depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.
6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains;
The earth with her bars *was* about me for ever:
Yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.
7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD:
And my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving;
I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD.

10 AND the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

3 AND the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second
2 time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach
3 unto it the preaching that I bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went
unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nine-
4 veh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And
Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried,
5 and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. So
the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and
put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of
6 them. For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose
from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him*
7 with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he caused *it* to be pro-
claimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the
king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor
8 flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: 'but
let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily
unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and
9 from the violence that *is* in their hands. Who can tell *if* God
will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that
10 we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from
their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said
that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

4 BUT it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.
2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD,
was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? There-
fore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gra-
cious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness,
3 and repentest thee of the evil. Therefore now, O LORD, take,
I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die
than to live. Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?
4 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the
city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow,
5 till he might see what would become of the city. And the
LORD God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over
Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him
from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.
7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day,
8 and it smote the gourd that it withered. And it came to pass,
when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east
wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted,
and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die

9 than to live. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be
angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even*
10 unto death. Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the
gourd, for the which thou hast not labored, neither madest it
11 grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: and
should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more
than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their
right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

MICAH.

**1 THE WORD OF THE LORD THAT CAME TO MICAH THE MO-
RASTHITE IN THE DAYS OF JOTHAM, AHAZ, AND HEZEKIAH, KINGS
OF JUDAH, WHICH HE SAW CONCERNING SAMARIA AND JERUSA-
LEM.**

2 HEAR, all ye people: hearken, O earth, and all that therein is:
And let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the LORD from his holy temple.
3 For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place,
And will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.
4 And the mountains shall be moved under him, and the valleys shall be cleft,
As wax before the fire, *and as the waters that are poured down a steep place.*
5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel.
What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria?
And what are the high places of Judah? *are they not Jerusalem?*
6 Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field,
And as plantings of a vineyard:
And I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley,
And I will discover the foundations thereof.
7 And all the graven images thereof shall be beaten to pieces,
And all the hires thereof shall be burned with the fire,
And all the idols thereof will I lay desolate:
For she gathered it of the hire of an harlot,
And they shall return to the hire of an harlot.
8 Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked:
I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls.
9 For her wound is incurable; for it is come unto Judah;
He is come unto the gate of my people, *even to Jerusalem.*
10 Declare ye if not at Gath, weep ye not at all:
In the house of Ahab, roll thyself in the dust.
11 Pass ye away, thou inhabitant of Saphir, having thy shame naked:
The inhabitant of Zaanan came not forth
In the mourning of Beth-ezel; he shall receive of you his standing.
12 For the inhabitant of Maroth waited carefully for good:
But evil came down from the LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem.
13 O thou inhabitant of Lachish, bind the chariot to the swift beast:
She is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion:
For the transgressions of Israel were found in thee.
14 Therefore shalt thou give presents to Moresheth-gath;
The houses of Achzib shall be a lie to the kings of Israel.
15 Yet will I bring an heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah:
He shall come unto Adullam the glory of Israel.
16 Make thee bald, and poll thee for thy delicate children;
Enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.
2 WOE to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds!
When the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.
2 And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them away:
So they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage.
3 Therefore thus saith the LORD:
Behold, against this family do I devise an evil,
From which ye shall not remove your necks;
Neither shall ye go haughtily: for this time is evil.
4 In that day shall one take up a parable against you,
And lament with a doleful lamentation, *and say,*
We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people:
How hath he removed it from me! turning away he hath divided our fields.

- 5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast a cord
By lot in the congregation of the LORD.
- 6 Prophecy ye not, *say they to them that prophesy :*
They shall not prophesy to them, *that they shall not take shame.*
- 7 O thou that art named the house of Jacob, is the spirit of the LORD straitened?
Are these his doings ? do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly ?
- 8 Even of late my people is risen up as an enemy :
Ye pull off the robe with the garment
From them that pass by securely as men averse from war.
- 9 The women of my people have ye cast out from their pleasant houses ;
From their children have ye taken away my glory for ever.
- 10 Arise ye, and depart ; for this is not *your* rest :
Because it is polluted, it shall destroy *you*, even with a sore destruction.
- 11 If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, *saying,*
I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink ;
He shall even be the prophet of this people.
- 12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee ;
I will surely gather the remnant of Israel ;
I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah,
As the flock in the midst of their fold :
They shall make great noise by reason of the *multitude of men.*
- 13 The breaker is come up before them : they have broken up,
And have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it :
And their king shall pass before them, and the LORD on the head of them.
- 3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob,
And ye princes of the house of Israel ;
Is it not for you to know judgment ?
- 2 Who hate the good and love the evil ;
Who pluck off their skin from off them,
And their flesh from off their bones ;
- 3 Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them ;
And they break their bones, and chop them in pieces,
As for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron.
- 4 Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he will not hear them :
He will even hide his face from them at that time,
As they have behaved themselves ill in their doings.
- 5 Thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that make my people err,
That bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace ;
And he that putteth not into their mouths,
They even prepare war against him :
- 6 Therefore night *shall be* unto you, that ye shall not have a vision ;
And it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine ;
And the sun shall go down over the prophets,
And the day shall be dark over them.
- 7 Then shall the seers be ashamed, and the diviners confounded :
Yea, they shall all cover their lips ; for *there is* no answer of God.
- 8 But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might.
To declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.
- 9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob,
And princes of the house of Israel,
That abhor judgment, and pervert all equity.
- 10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity.
- 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire,
And the prophets thereof divine for money :
Yet will they lean upon the LORD,
And say, *Is not the LORD among us ?*
None evil can come upon us.
- 12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed *as* a field,
And Jerusalem shall become heaps,
And the mountain of the house as the high places of the forest.
- 4 **BUT** in the last days it shall come to pass,
That the mountain of the house of the LORD
Shall be established in the top of the mountains,
And it shall be exalted above the hills ; and people shall flow unto it.
- 2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come,
And let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
And to the house of the God of Jacob ;
And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths :
For the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
- 3 And he shall judge among many people,
And rebuke strong nations afar off ;
And they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
And their spears into pruning-hooks :
Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation,
Neither shall they learn war any more.

- 4 But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree;
And none shall make *them* afraid:
For the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it.
- 5 For all people will walk every one in the name of his god,
And we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever
- 6 In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth,
And I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;
- 7 And I will make her that halted a remnant,
And her that was cast far off a strong nation:
And the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion
From henceforth, even for ever.
- 8 And thou, O tower of the flock,
The strong hold of the daughter of Zion,
Unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion;
The kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.
- 9 NOW why dost thou cry out aloud?
Is there no king in thee?
Is thy counsellor perished?
For pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.
- 10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth,
O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail:
For now shalt thou go forth out of the city,
And thou shalt dwell in the field,
And thou shalt go even to Babylon;
There shalt thou be delivered;
There the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies.
- 11 Now also many nations are gathered against thee,
That say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion.
- 12 But they know not the thoughts of the LORD,
Neither understand they his counsel:
For he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.
- 13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron,
And I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people:
And I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD,
And their substance unto the LORD of the whole earth.
- 5 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us:
They shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.
- 2 BUT thou, Beth-lehem Ephratah,
Though thou be little among the thousands of Judah,
Yet out of thee shall He come forth unto me
That is to be ruler in Israel;
Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.
- 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought
forth:
Then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.
- 4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD,
In the majesty of the name of the LORD his God;
And they shall abide: for now shall He be great unto the ends of the earth.
- 5 And this man shall be the peace,
When the Assyrian shall come into our land:
And when he shall tread in our palaces,
Then shall we raise against him seven shepherds,
And eight principal men.
- 6 And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword,
And the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof:
Thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian,
When he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.
- 7 And the remnant of Jacob
Shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD,
As the showers upon the grass,
That tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men.
- 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles
In the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest,
As a young lion among the flocks of sheep:
Who, if he go through, both treadeth down,
And teareth in pieces, and none can deliver.
- 9 Thine hand shall be lifted up upon thine adversaries,
And all thine enemies shall be cut off.
- 10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD,
That I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee,
And I will destroy thy chariots:
And I will cut off the cities of thy land,
And throw down all thy strong holds:
- 12 And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand;
And thou shalt have no more soothsayers:

- 13 Thy graven images also will I cut off,
And thy standing images out of the midst of thee ;
And thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.
- 14 And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee :
So will I destroy thy cities.
- 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the heathen,
Such as they have not heard.
Hear ye now what the LORD saith ;
Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice.
- 2 Hear ye, O mountains, the LORD'S controversy,
And ye strong foundations of the earth :
For the LORD hath a controversy with his people,
And he will plead with Israel.
- 3 O my people, what have I done unto thee ?
And wherein have I wearied thee ? testify against me.
- 4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt,
And redeemed thee out of the house of servants ;
And I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
- 5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted,
And what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal ;
That ye may know the righteousness of the LORD.
- 6 Wherewith shall I come before the LORD,
And bow myself before the high God ?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
With calves of a year old ?
- 7 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
Or with ten thousands of rivers of oil ?
Shall I give my first-born for my transgression,
The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul ?
- 8 He hath showed thee, O man, what is good ;
And what doth the LORD require of thee,
But to do justly, and to love mercy,
And to walk humbly with thy God ?
- 9 The LORD'S voice crieth unto the city,
And the man of wisdom shall see thy name :
Hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it.
- 10 Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked,
And the scant measure that is abominable ?
- 11 Shall I count *them* pure with the wicked balances,
And with the bag of deceitful weights ?
- 12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence,
And the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies,
And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth.
- 13 Therefore also will I make *thee* sick in smiting thee,
In making *thee* desolate because of thy sins.
- 14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied ;
And thy casting down *shall be* in the midst of thee ;
And thou shalt take hold, but shalt not deliver ;
And *that* which thou deliverest will I give up to the sword.
- 15 Thou shalt sow, but thou shalt not reap ;
Thou shalt tread the olives, but thou shalt not anoint thee with oil ;
And sweet wine, but shalt not drink wine.
- 16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab,
And ye walk in their counsels ; that I should make thee a desolation,
And the inhabitants thereof an hissing :
Therefore ye shall bear the reproach of my people.
- 7 Woe is me ! for I am as when they have gathered the summer-fruits,
As the grape-gleanings of the vintage :
There is no cluster to eat : my soul desired the first-ripe fruit.
- 2 The good *man* is perished out of the earth : and *there is none upright among men* :
They all lie in wait for blood :
They hunt every man his brother with a net.
- 3 That they may do evil with both hands earnestly,
The prince asketh, and the judge *asketh* for a reward ;
And the great *man*, he uttereth his mischievous desire : so they wrap it up.
- 4 The best of them is a brier :
The most upright is sharper than a thorn-hedge :
The day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh ;
Now shall be their perplexity.
- 5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide :
Keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom.
- 6 For the son dishonoureth the father,
The daughter riseth up against her mother,
The daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law ;
A man's enemies are the men of his own house.

- 7 Therefore I will look unto the LORD;
I will wait for the God of my salvation:
My God will hear me.
- 8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy:
When I fall, I shall arise;
When I sit in darkness, the LORD *shall be* a light unto me.
- 9 I will bear the indignation of the LORD, because I have sinned against him,
Until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me:
He will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold his righteousness.
- 10 Then *she that is* mine enemy shall see it,
And shame shall cover her which said unto me, Where is the LORD thy God?
Mine eyes shall behold her: now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets.
- 11 In the day that thy walls are to be built,
In that day shall the decree be far removed.
- 12 In that day *also* he shall come even to thee from Assyria,
And from the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river,
And from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain.
- 13 Notwithstanding the land shall be desolate
Because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.
- 14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage,
Which dwell solitary in the wood, in the midst of Carmel:
Let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old.
- 15 According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt
Will I show unto him marvellous things.
- 16 The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might:
They shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.
- 17 They shall lick the dust like a serpent,
They shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth:
They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.
- 18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity,
And passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage?
He retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in mercy.
- 19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities;
And thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.
- 20 Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, *and* the mercy to Abraham,
Which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

N A H U M.

1 THE BURDEN OF NINEVEH. THE BOOK OF THE VISION OF NAHUM THE ELKOSHITE.

- 2 God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth;
The LORD revengeth, and is furious;
The LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries,
And he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies.
- 3 The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power,
And will not at all acquit the wicked:
The LORD *hath* his way in the whirlwind and in the storm,
And the clouds are the dust of his feet.
- 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers:
Bashan languishe'h, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languishe'h.
- 5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt,
And the earth is burned at his presence,
Yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.
- 6 Who can stand before his indignation?
And who can abide in the fierceness of his anger?
His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.
- 7 The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble;
And he knowe'h them that trust in him.
- 8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof,
And darkness shall pursue his enemies.
- 9 What do ye imagine against the LORD?
He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.
- 10 For while they be folded together as thorns,
And while they are drunken as drunkards,
They shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.
- 11 There is *one* come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD,
A wicked counsellor!
- 12 Thus saith the LORD: Though they be quiet, and likewise many,

- Yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through.
 Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.
- 13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee,
 And will burst thy bonds in sunder.
- 14 And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee,
That no more of thy name be sown :
 Out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image :
 I will make thy grave, for thou art vile.
- 15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him
 That bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace !
 O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows :
 For the wicked shall no more pass through thee ; he is utterly cut off.
- 2 He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face :
 Keep the munition, watch the way,
 Make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.
- 2 For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob,
 As the excellency of Israel :
 For the emptiers have emptied them out,
 And marred their vine branches.
- 3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet :
 The chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation,
 And the fir-trees shall be terribly shaken.
- 4 The chariots shall rage in the streets,
 They shall jostle one against another in the broad ways :
 They shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.
- 5 He shall recount his worthies : they shall stumble in their walk ;
 They shall make haste to the wall thereof,
 And the defence shall be prepared.
- 6 The gates of the rivers shall be opened,
 And the palace shall be dissolved.
- 7 And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up,
 And her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.
- 8 But NINEVEH is of old like a pool of water : yet they shall flee away.
 Stand, stand, shall they cry ; but none shall look back.
- 9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold :
 For there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture.
- 10 She is empty, and void, and waste :
 And the heart melteth, and the knees smite together,
 And much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.
- 11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions,
 Where the lion, even the old lion, walked,
 And the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid ?
- 12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps,
 And strangled for his lionesses,
 And filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin.
- 13 Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts,
 And I will burn her chariots in the smoke,
 And the sword shall devour thy young lions :
 And I will cut off thy prey from the earth,
 And the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.
- 3 Woe to the bloody city ! it is all full of lies and robbery :
 The prey departeth not ;
 2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels,
 And of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots.
- 3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear :
 And there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses ;
 And there is none end of their corpses ; they stumble upon their corpses :
- 4 Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favored harlot,
 The mistress of witchcrafts,
 That selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts
- 5 Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts ;
 And I will discover thy skirts upon thy face,
 And I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame.
- 6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee,
 And make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing-stock.
- 7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee
 Shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste :
 Who will bemoan her ? whence shall I seek comforters for thee ?
- 8 Art thou better than populous No,
 That was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it,
 Whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea ?
- 9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite ;
 Put and Lubim were thy helpers.
- 10 Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity :
 Her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets :

- And they cast lots for her honorable men,
And all her great men were bound in chains.
11 Thou also shalt be drunken : thou shalt be hid,
Thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.
12 All thy strong holds *shall be like fig-trees* with the first-ripe figs :
If they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater.
13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee *are women* :
The gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies :
The fire shall devour thy bars.
14 Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds :
Go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick-kiln.
15 There shall the fire devour thee ; the sword shall cut thee off,
It shall eat thee up like the cankerworm :
Make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts.
16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven :
The cankerworm spoileth, and fleeeth away.
17 Thy crown *are* as the locusts, and thy captives as the great grasshoppers
Which camp in the hedges in the cold day,
But when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they *are*.
18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria : thy nobles shall dwell *in the dust* :
Thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.
19 *There is* no healing of thy bruise ; thy wound is grievous :
All that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee :
For upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually ?

H A B A K K U K.

1 THE BURDEN WHICH HABAKKUK THE PROPHET DID SEE.

- 2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear !
Even cry out unto thee *of* violence, and thou wilt not save !
3 Why dost thou show me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance ?
For spoiling and violence *are* before me :
And there *are* *that* raise up strife and contention.
4 Therefore the law is slack'd, and judgment doth never go forth :
For the wicked doth compass about the righteous ;
Therefore wrong judgment proceedeth.
5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously :
For *I* will work a work in your days,
Which ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.
6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation,
Which shall march through the breadth of the land,
To possess the dwelling-places *that* are not theirs.
7 They *are* terrible and dreadful :
Their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.
8 Their horses also are swifter than the leopards,
And are more fierce than the evening wolves :
And their horsemen shall spread themselves,
And their horsemen shall come from far ;
They shall fly as the eagle *that* hasteth to eat.
9 They shall come all for violence :
Their faces shall *sup* up *as* the east wind,
And they shall gather the captivity as the sand.
10 And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them :
They shall deride every strong hold ; for they shall heap dust, and take it.
11 Then shall *his* mind change, and he shall pass over,
And offend, *imputing* this his power unto his god.
12 Art thou not from everlasting,
O LORD my God, mine Holy One ? we shall not die.
O LORD, thou hast ordained them for judgment ;
And, O mighty God, thou hast established them for correction.
13 Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil,
And canst not look on iniquity :
Wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously,
And holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth
The man that is more righteous than he ?
14 And makest men as the fishes of the sea,
As the creeping things, *that* have no ruler over them ?
15 They take up all of them with the angle, they catch them in their net,
And gather them in their drag : therefore they rejoice and are glad.

- 16 Therefore they sacrifice unto their net, and burn incense unto their drag;
Because by them their portion is fat, and their meat plenteous.
- 17 Shall they therefore empty their net,
And not spare continually to slay the nations?
- 2 I will stand upon my watch, and set me upon the tower,
And will watch to see what he will say unto me,
And what I shall answer when I am reproved.
- 2 And the LORD answered me, and said,
Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables,
That he may run that readeth it.
- 3 For the vision is yet for an appointed time,
But at the end it shall speak, and not lie: though it tarry, wait for it;
Because it will surely come, it will not tarry.
- 4 Behold, his soul *which* is lifted up is not upright in him:
But the just shall live by his faith.
- 5 Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine,
He is a proud man, neither keepeth at home,
Who enlargeth his desire as hell, and is as death, and cannot be satisfied,
But gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people.
- 6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him,
And a taunting proverb against him, and say,
Woe to him that increaseth *that which* is not his!
How long? and to him that ladeth himself with thick clay!
- 7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee,
And awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be for booties unto them?
- 8 Because thou hast spoiled many nations,
All the remnant of the people shall spoil thee;
Because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land,
Of the city, and of all that dwell therein.
- 9 Woe to him that coveteth an evil covetousness to his house,
That he may set his nest on high,
That he may be delivered from the power of evil!
- 10 Thou hast consulted shame to thy house by cutting off many people,
And hast sinned *against* thy soul.
- 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall,
And the beam out of the timber shall answer it.
- 12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood,
And establisheth a city by iniquity!
- 13 Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts
That the people shall labor in the very fire,
And the people shall weary themselves for very vanity?
- 14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge
Of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
- 15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that puttest thy bottle to *him*,
And makest *him* drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness!
- 16 Thou art filled with shame for glory:
Drink thou also, and let thy foreskin be uncovered:
The cup of the LORD'S right hand shall be turned unto thee,
And shameful spewing *shall be* on thy glory.
- 17 For the violence of Lebanon shall cover thee,
And the spoil of beasts, *which* made them afraid,
Because of men's blood, and for the violence of the land,
Of the city, and of all that dwell therein.
- 18 What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it;
The molten image, and a teacher of lies,
That the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?
- 19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake;
To the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach!
Behold, it is laid over with gold and silver,
And *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it.
- 20 But the LORD is in his holy temple:
Let all the earth keep silence before him.

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigionoth.

- 2 O LORD, I have heard thy speech, *and* was afraid:
O LORD, revive thy work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.
- 3 God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah.
His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of his praise.
- 4 And his brightness was as the light;
He had horns *coming* out of his hand;
And there *was* the hiding of his power.
- 5 Before him went the pestilence,
And burning coals went forth at his feet.
- 6 He stood, and measured the earth:

- He beheld, and drove asunder the nations;
 And the everlasting mountains were scattered,
 The perpetual hills did bow:
 His ways are everlasting.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction:
 And the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- 8 Was the LORD displeased against the rivers?
Was thine anger against the rivers? was thy wrath against the sea,
That thou didst ride upon thine horses and thy chariots of salvation
- 9 Thy bow was made quite naked,
According to the oaths of the tribes, even thy word. Selah.
 Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw thee, and they trembled:
 The overflowing of the water passed by:
 The deep uttered his voice,
 And lifted up his hands on high.
- 11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation:
 At the light of thine arrows they went,
 And at the shining of thy glittering spear.
- 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation,
 Thou didst thresh the heathen in anger.
- 13 Thou wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,
Even for salvation with thine anointed;
 Thou woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked,
 By discovering the foundation unto the neck. Selah.
- 14 Thou didst strike through with his s'aves the head of his villages:
 They came out as a whirlwind to scatter me:
 Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.
- 15 Thou didst walk through the sea with thine horses,
Through the heap of great waters.
- 16 When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice:
 Rottenness entered into my bones,
 And I trembled in myself, that I might rest in the day of trouble:
 When he cometh up unto the people,
 He will invade them with his troops.
- 17 Although the fig-tree shall not blossom,
 Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
 The labor of the olive shall fail,
 And the fields shall yield no meat;
 The flock shall be cut off from the fold,
 And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
- 18 Yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
 I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19 The LORD God is my strength,
 And he will make my feet like hinds' feet.
 And he will make me to walk upon mine high places.
- To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

ZEPHANIAH.

1 THE WORD OF THE LORD WHICH CAME UNTO ZEPHANIAH
 THE SON OF CUSHI, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the
 son of Hizkiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of
 Judah.

- 2 I will utterly consume all things from off the land, saith the LORD.
- 3 I will consume man and beast;
 I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea,
 And the stumbling-blocks with the wicked;
- And I will cut off man from off the land, saith the LORD.
- 4 I will also stretch out mine hand upon Judah,
 And upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem;
 And I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place,
 And the name of the Chemarims with the priests;
- 5 And them that worship the host of heaven upon the house-tops;
 And them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham;
- 6 And them that are turned back from the LORD;
 And those that have not sought the LORD, nor inquired for him.

- 7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the LORD God:
For the day of the LORD is at hand:
For the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.
- 8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice,
That I will punish the princes, and the king's children,
And all such as are clothed with strange apparel.
- 9 In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold,
Which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit.
- 10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD,
That there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish-gate,
And an howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills.
- 11 Howl, ye inhabitants of Mak'esh,
For all the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off.
- 12 And it shall come to pass at that time,
That I will search Jerusalem with candles,
And punish the men that are settled on their lees:
That say in their heart, 'The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil.'
- 13 Therefore their goods shall become a booty, and their houses a desolation:
They shall also build houses, but not inhabit them;
And they shall plant vineyards, but not drink the wine thereof.
- 14 The great day of the LORD is near, it is near, and hasteth greatly,
Even the voice of the day of the LORD:
The mighty man shall cry there bitterly.
- 15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress,
A day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess,
- 16 A day of clouds and thick darkness, 'a day of the trumpet and alarm
Against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.
- 17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men,
Because they have sinned against the LORD:
And their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as the dung.
- 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able
To deliver them in the day of the LORD'S wrath;
But the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy:
For he shall make even a speedy riddance of all them that dwell in the land.
- 2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired;
2 Before the decree bring forth, *before* the day pass as the chaff,
Before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you,
Before the day of the LORD'S anger come upon you.
- 3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment;
Seek righteousness, seek meekness:
It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD'S anger.
- 4 FOR GAZA shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation:
They shall drive out Ashdod at the noon-day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.
- 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea-coasts, the nation of the Cherethites!
The word of the LORD is against you;
O Canaan, the land of the Philistines,
I will even destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant.
- 6 And the sea-coast shall be dwellings, and cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks.
7 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah:
They shall feed thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening:
For the LORD their God shall visit them, and turn away their captivity.
- 8 I have heard the reproach of MOAB, and the revilings of the children of Ammon,
Whereby they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border.
- 9 Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel,
Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah,
Even the breeding of nettles, and salt-pits, and a perpetual desolation:
The residue of my people shall spoil them,
And the remnant of my people shall possess them.
- 10 This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached
And magnified themselves against the people of the LORD of hosts.
- 11 The LORD will be terrible unto them:
For he will famish all the gods of the earth;
And men shall worship him,
Every one from his place, even all the isles of the heathen.
- 12 Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword.
- 13 And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria;
And will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.
- 14 And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations:
Both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it;
Their voice shall sing in the windows:
Desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work.
- 15 This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly,
That said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me:
How is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in!

- Every one that passeth by her shall hiss, *and* wag his hand.
3 WOE to her that is filthy and polluted ! to the oppressing city !
2 She obeyed not the voice ; she received not correction ;
 She trusted not in the LORD ; she drew not near to her God.
3 Her princes within her *are* roaring lions ;
 Her judges *are* evening wolves ; they gnaw not the bones till the *morrow*.
4 Her prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons :
 Her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.
5 The just LORD *is* in the midst thereof ; he will not do iniquity :
 Every morning doth he bring his judgment to light,
 He faileth not ; but the unjust knoweth no shame.
6 I have cut off the nations : their towers are desolate ;
 I made their streets waste, that none passeth by :
 Their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.
7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction ;
 So their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them :
 But they rose early, *and* corrup'ted all their doings.
8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD,
 Until the day that I rise up to the prey :
 For my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms,
 To pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger :
 For all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.
9 FOR then will I turn to the people a pure language,
 That they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.
10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants,
Even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.
11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings,
 Wherein thou hast transgressed against me :
 For then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride,
 And thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.
12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people,
 And they shall trust in the name of the LORD.
13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies ;
 Neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth :
 For they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.
14 Sing, O daughter of Zion : shout, O Israel ;
 Be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.
15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy :
 The king of Israel, *even* the LORD,
Is in the midst of thee ; thou shalt not see evil any more.
16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not :
 And to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.
17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee *is* mighty ;
 He will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy ;
 He will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
18 I will gather *them* that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly,
 Who are of thee, to *whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden.
19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee :
 And I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out ;
 And I will get them praise and fame
 In every land where they have been put to shame.
20 At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you :
 For I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth,
 When I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

HAGGAI.

- 1** **IN** the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, CAME THE WORD OF THE LORD BY HAGGAI THE PROPHET unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,
 This people say, The time is not come,
 The time that the LORD'S house should be built.
3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying,

- 4 *Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses,
And this house lie waste?*
- 5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
- 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough;
Ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm;
And he that earneth wages, earneth wages to *put it* into a bag with holes.
- 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.
- 8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house;
And I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.
- 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little;
And when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it.
Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that *is* waste,
And ye run every man unto his own house.
- 10 Therefore the heaven over you is stayed from dew,
And the earth is stayed *from* her fruit.
- 11 And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains,
And upon the corn, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil,
And upon *that* which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men,
And upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands.
- 12 THEN Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Josedech, the high-priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him, and
- 13 the people did fear before the LORD. Then spake Haggai the LORD'S messenger in the LORD'S message unto the people,
- 14 saying, *I am* with you, saith the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high-priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their
- 15 God, 'in the four-and-twentieth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.
- 2 IN the seventh *month*, in the one-and-twentieth *day* of the month, came the word of the LORD by the prophet Haggai,
- 2 saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high-priest, and to the residue of the people, saying,
- 3 Who is left among you that saw this house in her first glory?
And how do ye see it now?
Is it not in your eyes in comparison of it as nothing?
- * Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD;
And be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high-priest;
And be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD,
And work: for *I am* with you, saith the LORD of hosts:
- 5 *According to* the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt,
So my spirit remaineth among you: fear ye not.
- 6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while,
And I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*;
- 7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come:
And I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts:
And in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.
- 10 IN the four-and-twentieth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the
- 11 prophet, saying, 'Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Ask now the
- 12 priests *concerning* the law, saying, If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or potage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the
- 13 priests answered, and said, No. Then said Haggai, If *one that is* unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean?

14 And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. Then answered Haggai, and said,

So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD ;

And so is every work of their hands ;

And that which they offer there is unclean.

15 And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward,

From before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD :

16 Since those *days* were, when *one* came to an heap of twenty *measures*,

There were *but* ten : when *one* came to the pressfat

For to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty.

17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew

And with hail in all the labors of your hands ;

Yet ye *turned* not to me, saith the LORD.

18 Consider now from this day and upward,

From the four-and-twentieth day of the ninth *month*,

Even from the day that the foundation of the LORD'S temple was laid, consider *it*.

19 Is the seed yet in the barn ? yea, as yet the vine,

And the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive-tree,

Hath not brought forth : from this day will I bless *you*.

20 AND again the word of the LORD came unto Haggai in the
21 four-and-twentieth *day* of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying,

I will shake the heavens and the earth ;

22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms,

And I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the heathen ;

And I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them ;

And the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother.

23 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee,

O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel,

Saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet :

For I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

ZECHARIAH.

1 IN the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came THE WORD OF THE LORD UNTO ZECHARIAH, THE SON OF BERECHIAH, THE SON OF IDDO THE PROPHET, saying,

2 The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers.

3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts ;

Turn ye unto me, saith the LORD of hosts ;

And I will turn unto you, saith the LORD of hosts.

4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts ; Turn ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings :

But they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith the LORD.

5 Your fathers, where *are* they ? and the prophets, do they live for ever ?

6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets,

Did they not take hold of your fathers ?

And they returned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us,

According to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 UPON the four-and-twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo the prophet, saying, 'I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle-trees that *were* in the bottom : and behind him *were there* red
8 horses, speckled, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what *are* these ? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will
9 show thee what these *be*. And the man that stood among the

- myrtle-trees answered and said, *These are they* whom the LORD
 11 hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth,
 12 and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest. Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these three-
 13 score and ten years? And the LORD answered the angel that
 14 talked with me *with good words and comfortable words*. So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying,

Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy.

- 15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen *that are* at ease:

For I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

- 16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies:

My house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts,

And a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem.

- 17 Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad;

And the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

- 18 THEN lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns.
 19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What *be* these?
 And he answered me, *These are* the horns which have scattered
 20 Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD showed me four
 21 carpenters. 'Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, *These are* the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.
 2 I lifted up mine eyes again, and looked, and behold a man
 2 with a measuring-line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what
 3 is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another
 4 angel went out to meet him, 'and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying,

Jerusalem shall be inhabited as towns without walls

For the multitude of men and cattle therein:

- 5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about,

And will be the glory in the midst of her.

- 6 Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD:

For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.

- 7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.

- 8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts;

After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you:

For he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.

- 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them,

And they shall be a spoil to their servants:

And ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

- 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion:

For, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

- 11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people:

And I will dwell in the midst of thee,

And thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.

- 12 And the LORD shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land,

And shall choose Jerusalem again.

- 13 Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD:

For he is raised up out of his holy habitation.

- 3 AND he showed me Joshua the high-priest standing before the
 angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to
 2 resist him. And the LORD said unto Satan,

The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan;
 Even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem, rebuke thee:
 Is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

- 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before
 4 the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood
 before him, saying, Take away the filthy garments from him.
 And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to
 pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.
 5 'And I said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they
 set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments.
 6 And the angel of the LORD stood by. 'And the angel of the
 7 LORD protested unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the LORD of
 hosts;

If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge,
 Then thou shalt also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts,
 And I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by.

- 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high-priest, thou, and thy fellows

That sit before thee: for they are men wondered at:

For, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.

- 9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua;

Upon one stone *shall* be seven eyes:

Behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts,

And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

- 10 In that day, saith the LORD of hosts,

Shall ye call every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig-tree.

- 4 AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked
 2 me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, 'and said unto
 me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a
 candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his
 seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which
 3 are upon the top thereof: and two olive-trees by it, one upon the
 right *side* of the bowl, and the other upon the left *side* thereof.
 4 So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, say-
 5 ing, What *are* these my lord? Then the angel that talked with
 me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these
 6 be? And I said, No, my lord. 'Then he answered and spake
 unto me, saying, This *is* the word of the LORD unto Zerubba-
 bel, saying,

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,
 Saith the LORD of hosts.

- 7 Who art thou, O great mountain?

Before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain:

And he shall bring forth the head-stone thereof *with shoutings*,
 Crying, 'Grace, grace' unto it.

- 8 MOREOVER the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,
 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house;
 his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD
 10 of hosts hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day
 of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet
 in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes
 of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth.
 11 THEN answered I, and said unto him, What *are* these two
 olive-trees upon the right *side* of the candlestick and upon the

12 left *side* thereof? And I answered again, and said unto him, What *be these* two olive-branches which through the two golden
13 pipes empty the golden *oil* out of themselves? And he answered me and said, Knowest thou not what these *be*? And I said, No,
14 my lord. Then said he, *These are* the two anointed ones, that stand by the LORD of the whole earth.

5 THEN I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and be-
2 hold a flying roll. 'And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length thereof is twenty
3 cubits, and the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then said he unto me,

This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of the whole earth:
For every one that stealeth shall be cut off *as* on this side according to it;
And every one that sweareth shall be cut off *as* on that side according to it.

4 I will bring it forth, saith the LORD of hosts,
And it shall enter into the house of the thief,
And into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name:
And it shall remain in the midst of his house,
And shall consume it with the timber thereof and the stones thereof.

5 THEN the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth.
6 'And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their resemblance through
7 all the earth. And, behold, there was lifted up a talent of lead:
8 and this is a woman that sitteth in the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weight of lead upon the mouth thereof.
9 Then lifted I up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, and the wind *was* in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork: and they lifted up the ephah
10 between the earth and the heaven. Then said I to the angel that
11 talked with me, Whither do these bear the ephah? And he said unto me, To build it an house in the land of Shinar: and it shall be established, and set there upon her own base.

6 AND I turned, and lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, be-
hold, there came four chariots out from between two mountains;
2 and the mountains *were* mountains of brass. In the first chariot
3 *were* red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; 'and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grisled
4 and bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that
5 talked with me, What *are* these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, *These are* the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth from standing before the LORD of all the
6 earth. The black horses which *are* therein go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grisled
7 go forth toward the south country. And the bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth:
8 and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. 'Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, these that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 'Take of *them* of the captivity, *even* of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah, which are come from Babylon, and come thou, the same day,

- 11 and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah; then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head
 12 of Joshua the son of Josedech, the high-priest; and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH;

And he shall grow up out of his place,

And he shall build the temple of the LORD:

- 13 Even he shall build the temple of the LORD;

And he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne;

And he shall be a priest upon his throne:

And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

- 14 And the crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the
 15 temple of the LORD. And they *that are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

- 7 **AND** it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, *that* the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth *day*
 2 of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu; when they had sent unto the house of God Sherezer and Regem-melech, and their men,
 3 to pray before the LORD, *'and* to speak unto the priests which *were* in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month separating myself, as I
 4 have done these so many years? Then came the word of the
 5 LORD of hosts unto me, saying, Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did ye at
 6 all fast unto me, *even* to me? And when ye did eat, and when ye did drink, did not ye eat *for yourselves*, and drink *for yourselves*? *Should* ye not *hear* the words which the LORD hath
 7 cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, when
 8 *men* inhabited the south and the plain? And the word of the
 9 LORD came unto Zechariah, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying,

Execute true judgment, and show mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

- 10 And oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor;

And let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart.

- 11 But they refused to hearken, and pulled away the shoulder,

And stopped their ears, that they should not hear.

- 12 Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant-stone, lest they should hear the law,

And the words which the LORD of hosts hath sent in his spirit by the former prophets:

Therefore came a great wrath from the LORD of hosts.

- 13 Therefore it is come to pass, *that* as he cried, and they would not hear;

So they cried, and I would not hear, saith the LORD of hosts:

- 14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not.

Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned:

For they laid the pleasant land desolate.

- 8 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me*, saying,

- 2 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy,

And I was jealous for her with great fury.

- 3 Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion,

And will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem:

And Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth;

And the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain.

- 4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;

There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem,

And every man with his staff in his hand for very age.

- 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.
 6 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
 If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days,
 Should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts.
 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
 Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country.
 8 And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem:
 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness
 9 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Let your hands be strong,
 Ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets,
 Which *were* in the day *that* the foundation
 Of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.
 10 For before these days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast;
 Neither *was there any* peace to him that went out
 Or came in because of the affliction:
 For I set all men every one against his neighbor.
 11 But now I *will not be* unto the residue of this people
 As in the former days, saith the LORD of hosts.
 12 For the seed *shall be* prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit,
 And the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew:
 And I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these *things*.
 13 And it shall come to pass, *that* as ye were a curse among the heathen,
 O house of Judah, and house of Israel;
 So will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing:
 Fear not, *but* let your hands be strong.
 14 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; As I thought to punish you
 When your fathers provoked me to wrath,
 Saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not:
 15 So again have I thought in these days to do well
 Unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not.
 16 These are the things that ye shall do;
 Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbor;
 Execute the judgment of truth and peace in your gates;
 17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbor;
 And love no false oath: for all these *are things* that I hate, saith the LORD.
 18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying,
 19 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
 The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth,
 And the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth,
 Shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts;
 Therefore love the truth and peace.
 20 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *It shall yet come to pass*,
 That there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities:
 21 And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying,
 'Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will
 go also.'
 22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come
 To seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.
 23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts;
 In those days *it shall come to pass*,
 That ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations,
 Even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying,
 'We will go with you: for we have heard *that* God is with you.'
- 9 THE** burden of the word of the LORD in the land of Ha-
 drach and Damascus *shall be* the rest thereof: when the eyes of
 man, as of all the tribes of Israel, *shall be* toward the LORD.
- 2 And Hamath also shall border thereby;
 Tyrus, and Sidon, though it be very wise.
 3 And Tyrus did build herself a strong hold,
 And heaped up silver as the dust,
 4 And fine gold as the mire of the streets.
 Behold, the LORD will cast her out,
 And he will smite her power in the sea;
 And she shall be devoured with fire.
 5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also *shall see it*, and be very sorrowful,
 And Ekron: for her expectation shall be ashamed;
 And the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited.
 6 And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines.
 7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth,
 And his abominations from between his teeth:
 But he that remaineth, even he, *shall be* for our God,
 And he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

- 8 And I will encamp about mine house because of the army,
Because of him that passeth by, and because of him that returneth :
And no oppressor shall pass through them any more :
For now have I seen with mine eyes.
- 9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion ;
Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem :
Behold, thy KING cometh unto thee :
He is just, and having salvation ;
Lowly, and riding upon an ass,
And upon a colt the foal of an ass.
- 10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim,
And the horse from Jerusalem,
And the battle-bow shall be cut off :
And he shall speak peace unto the heathen :
And his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea,
And from the river *even* to the ends of the earth.
- 11 As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant
I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water.
- 12 Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope :
Even to-day do I declare *that* I will render double unto thee ;
- 13 When I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ephraim,
And raised up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece,
And made thee as the sword of a mighty man.
- 14 And the LORD shall be seen over them,
And his arrows shall go forth as the lightning :
And the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet,
And shall go with whirlwinds of the south.
- 15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them ;
And they shall devour,
And subdue with sling-stones ;
And they shall drink, *and* make a noise as through wine ;
And they shall be filled like bows, *and* as the corners of the altar.
- 16 And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people :
For *they shall be* as the stones of a crown, lifted up as an ensign upon his land.
- 17 For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty !
Corn shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.
- 10 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain ;
So the LORD shall make bright clouds,
And give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.
- 2 For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie,
And have told false dreams ; they comfort in vain :
Therefore they went their way as a flock,
They were troubled, because *there was* no shepherd.
- 3 Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats :
For the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah,
And hath made them as his goodly horse in the battle.
- 4 Out of him came forth the corner, out of him the nail,
Out of him the battle-bow, out of him every oppressor together.
- 5 And they shall be as mighty *men*, which tread down *their enemies*
In the mire of the streets in the battle :
And they shall fight, because the LORD is with them,
And the riders on horses shall be confounded.
- 6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph,
And I will bring them again to place them ; for I have mercy upon them :
And they shall be as though I had not cast them off :
For I *am* the LORD their God, and will hear them.
- 7 And *they of* Ephraim shall be like a mighty man,
And their heart shall rejoice as through wine :
Yea, their children shall see it, and be glad ;
Their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.
- 8 I will hiss for them, and gather them ; for I have redeemed them :
And they shall increase as they have increased.
- 9 And I will sow them among the people ;
And they shall remember me in far countries ;
And they shall live with their children, and turn again.
- 10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt,
And gather them out of Assyria :
And I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon ;
And *place* shall not be found for them.
- 11 And he shall pass through the sea with affliction,
And shall smite the waves in the sea,
And all the deeps of the river shall dry up :
And the pride of Assyria shall be brought down,
And the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.

- 12 And I will strengthen them in the LORD;
And they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the LORD.
- 11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars.
2 Howl, fir-tree; for the cedar is fallen; because the mighty is spoiled:
Howl, O ye oaks of Bashan; for the forest of the vintage is come down.
3 There is a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory are spoiled:
A voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.
4 Thus saith the LORD my God; Feed the flock of the slaughter;
5 Whose possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty:
And they that sell them say, Blessed be the LORD;
For I am rich: and their own shepherds pity them not.
6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the LORD:
But, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor's hand,
And into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land,
And out of their hand I will not deliver them.
7 And I will feed the flock of slaughter, *even* you, O poor of the flock.
- AND I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and
8 the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. Three shepherds
also I cut off in one month; and my soul loathed them, and their
9 soul also abhorred me. Then said I,
I will not feed you: That that dieth, let it die;
And that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off;
And let the rest eat every one the flesh of another.
- 10 AND I took my staff, *even* Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I
might break my covenant which I had made with all the people.
11 And it was broken in that day: and so the poor of the flock that
12 waited upon me knew that it *was* the word of the LORD. And
I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not,
forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver.
13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly
price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces*
of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.
14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even* Bands, that I might
break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.
15 AND the LORD said unto me, Take unto thee yet the instru-
ments of a foolish shepherd.
- 16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land,
Which shall not visit those that be cut off,
Neither shall seek the young one,
Nor heal that that is broken, nor feed that that standeth still:
But he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces.
- 17 Woe to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock!
The sword *shall be* upon his arm, and upon his right eye:
His arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.
- 12 THE burden of the word of the LORD for Israel,
Saith the LORD which stretcheth forth the heavens,
And layeth the foundation of the earth,
And firmeth the spirit of man within him.
2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about,
When they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.
3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people:
All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces,
Though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.
4 In that day, saith the LORD,
I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness:
And I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah,
And will smite every horse of the people with blindness.
5 And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart,
The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.
6 In that day will I make the governors of Judah
Like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf;
And they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left:
And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem.
7 The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first,

- That the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem
Do not magnify *themselves* against Judah.
- 8 In that day shall the LORD defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem ;
And he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David ;
And the house of David *shall* be as God, as the Angel of the LORD before them.
- 9 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.
- 10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem,
The spirit of grace and of supplications :
And they shall look upon ME whom they have pierced,
And they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only son,
And shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* first-born.
- 11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem,
As the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.
- 12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart ;
The family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart ;
The family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart ;
- 13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart ;
The family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart ;
- 14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart,
- 13 IN that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David
And to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.
- 2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts,
That I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land,
And they shall no more be remembered :
And also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land.
- 3 And it shall come to pass, *that* when any shall yet prophesy,
Then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him,
Thou shalt not live ; for thou speakest lies in the name of the LORD :
And his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he
prophesieth.
- 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the prophets
Shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied ;
Neither shall they wear a rough garment to deceive :
- 5 But he shall say, *I am* no prophet, *I am* an husbandman ;
For man taught me to keep cattle from my youth.
- 6 And *one* shall say unto him, What *are* these wounds in thine hands ?
Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.
- 7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow,
Saith the LORD of hosts :
Smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered :
And I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.
- 8 And it shall come to pass, *that* in all the land, saith the LORD,
Two parts therein shall be cut off *and* die ; but the third shall be left therein.
- 9 And I will bring the third part through the fire,
And will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried :
They shall call on my name, and I will hear them :
- 14 I will say, *It is* my people ; and they shall say, The LORD *is* my God.
- Behold, the day of the LORD cometh,
And thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
- 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle ;
And the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished ;
And half of the city shall go forth into captivity,
And the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.
- 3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations,
As when he fought in the day of battle.
- 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem
on the east.
And the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof
Toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley ;
And half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
- 5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains ;
For the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal :
Yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake
In the days of Uzziah king of Judah :
And the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.
- 6 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark :
- 7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD,
Not day, nor night : but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening-time it shall be light.
- 8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem ;
Half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea :
In summer and in winter shall it be.
- 9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth :
In that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- 10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem
And it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place,
From Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner-gate,
And from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's wine-presses.
- 11 And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction ;
But Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited.
- 12 AND this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD
Will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem ;
Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet,
And their eyes shall consume away in their holes,
And their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
- 13 And it shall come to pass in that day,
That a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them ;
And they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbor,
And his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor.
- 14 And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem ;
And the wealth of all the heathen round about shall be gathered together,
Gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance.
- 15 And so shall be the plague of the horse,
Of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass,
And of all the beasts that shall be in these tents, as this plague.
- 16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left
Of all the nations which came against Jerusalem
Shall even go up from year to year to worship the King,
The LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.
- 17 And it shall be, that whoso will not come up
Of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King,
The LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.
- 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain ;
There shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not
up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
- 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt,
And the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.
- 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses,
HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD ;
And the pots in the LORD'S house shall be like the bowls before the altar.
- 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah
Shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts :
And all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein :
And in that day there shall be no more the Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

MALACHI.

1 THE BURDEN OF THE WORD OF THE LORD TO ISRAEL BY MALACHI.

- 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, 'Wherein hast thou loved us ?'
Was not Esau Jacob's brother ? saith the LORD : yet I loved Jacob,
- 3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage
Waste for the dragons of the wilderness.
- 4 Whereas Edom saith, 'We are impoverished,
But we will return and build the desolate places ;'
Thus saith the LORD of hosts,
They shall build, but I will throw down ;
And they shall call them, 'The border of wickedness,'
And, 'The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever.'
- 5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say,
'The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.'
- 6 A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master :
If then I be a father, where is mine honor ?
And if I be a master, where is my fear ?
Saith the LORD of Hosts unto you, 'O priests, that despise my name ?'
And ye say, 'Wherein have we despised thy name ?'
- 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar ; and ye say, 'Wherein have we polluted thee ?'
In that ye say, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'
- 8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil ?
And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil ?
Offer it now unto thy governor ; will he be pleased with thee,
Or accept thy person ? saith the LORD of Hosts.
- 9 And now, I pray you, beseech God that he will be gracious unto us :

This hath been by your means :

Will he regard your persons ? saith the LORD of Hosts.

10 Who *is* there even among you that would shut the doors *for nought* ?

Neither do ye kindle *fire* on mine altar for nought.

I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of Hosts,

Neither will I accept an offering at your hand.

11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same

My name *shall be great* among the Gentiles ;

And in every place incense *shall be offered* unto my name, and a pure offering :

For my name *shall be great* among the heathen, saith the LORD of Hosts.

12 But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, ' The table of the LORD *is* polluted ;

And the fruit thereof, *even his meat, is contemptible.*'

13 Ye said also, ' Behold, what a weariness *is it* !

And ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of Hosts ;

And ye brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick ;

Thus ye brought an offering : should I accept this of your hand ? saith the LORD.

14 But cursed *be* the deceiver, which hath in his flock a male,

And voweth, and sacrificeth unto the LORD a corrupt thing :

For I am a great king, saith the LORD of Hosts,

And my name is dreadful among the heathen.

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment *is* for you.

2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay *it* to heart,

To give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of Hosts,

I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings :

Yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay *it* to heart.

3 Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces,

Even the dung of your solemn feasts ; and *one* shall take you away with it.

4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you,

That my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of Hosts.

5 My covenant was with him of life and peace ;

And I gave them to him *for* the fear wherewith he feared me,

And was afraid before my name.

6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips :

He walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge,

And they should seek the law at his mouth ;

For he *is* the messenger of the LORD of Hosts.

8 But ye are departed out of the way ;

Ye have caused many to stumble at the law ;

Ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of Hosts.

9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people,

According as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law.

10 Have we not all one father ? ha'h not one God created us ?

Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother,

By profaning the covenant of our fathers ?

11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination

Is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem ;

For Judah hath profaned the holiness of the LORD which he loved,

And hath married the daughter of a strange god.

12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this,

The master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob,

And him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of Hosts.

13 And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears,

With weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more.

Or receiveth *it* with good-will at your hand.

14 Yet ye say, ' Wherefore ? ' Because the LORD hath been witness

Between thee and the wife of thy youth,

Against whom thou hast dealt treacherously :

Yet *is* she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.

15 And did not he make one ? Yet had he the residue of the spirit.

And wherefore one ? That he might seek a godly seed.

Therefore take heed to your spirit,

And let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith, that he hateth putting away :

For *one* covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of Hosts :

Therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the LORD with your words.

Yet ye say, ' Wherein have we wearied *him* ?'

When ye say, ' Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD,

And he delighteth in them ; or, ' Where *is* the God of judgment ?'

3 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way *before me* :

And the LORD, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple,

Even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in :

Behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of Hosts.

- 2 But who may abide the day of his coming?
And who shall stand when he appeareth?
For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap:
- 3 And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver:
And he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver,
That they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.
- 4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem
Be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old, and as in former years.
- 5 And I will come near to you to judgment;
And I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers,
And against the adulterers, and against false swearers,
And against those that oppress the hireling in his wages,
The widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger
From his right, and fear not me, saith the LORD of Hosts.
- 6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.
- 7 Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances,
And have not kept them. Return unto me,
And I will return unto you, saith the LORD of Hosts.
But ye said, 'Wherein shall we return?'
8 Will a man rob God?' Yet ye have robbed me.
But ye say, 'Wherein have we robbed thee?' In tithes and offerings.
- 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.
- 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse,
That there may be meat in mine house,
And prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of Hosts,
If I will not open you the windows of heaven,
And pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.
- 11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes,
And he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground;
Neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of Hosts.
- 12 And all nations shall call you blessed:
For ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of Hosts.
- 13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD.
Yet ye say, 'What have we spoken so much against thee?'
14 Ye have said, 'It is vain to serve God:
And what profit is it that we have kept his ordinance,
And that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of Hosts?'
- 15 And now we call the proud happy;
Yea, they that work wickedness are set up;
Yea, they that tempt God are even delivered.
- 16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another:
And the LORD hearkened, and heard it,
And a book of remembrance was written before him
For them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
- 17 And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of Hosts,
In that day when I make up my jewels;
And I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
- 18 Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked,
Between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.
- 4 For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven;
And all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble:
And the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of Hosts,
That it shall leave them neither root nor branch.
- 2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness
Arise with healing in his wings;
And ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.
- 3 And ye shall tread down the wicked;
For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet
In the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of Hosts.
- 4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant,
Which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel,
With the statutes and judgments.
- 5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming
Of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:
- 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children,
And the heart of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

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<i>Books.</i>	<i>Chap.</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Authors, where written, &c.</i>	
HISTORICAL.			A.D.	
Matthew	28	37	<i>Matthew</i> , in Judea; in Syriac and Greek, for Jewish converts.	
Mark	16	65	<i>Mark</i> , probably at Jerusalem; for Christians in general.	
Luke	24	63	<i>Luke</i> , the companion of <i>Paul</i> ; in Greece; for Gentile converts.	
John	21	96	<i>John</i> , the Apostle; at Ephesus; to confute heretics.	
Acts	28	64	<i>Luke</i> , in Greece; to furnish a history of the church.	
EPISTLES OF PAUL.			Chronological order.	
To the Romans	16	58	At Corinth. See Acts xx. 2.	
1 Corinthians	16	56	" Ephesus. " " xix. 22.	
2 Corinthians	13	57	" Ephesus. " " xix. xx.	
Galatians	6	51	" Corinth. " " xviii. 1-10.	
Ephesians	6	61	" Rome. " " xxviii. 17-30.	
Philippians	4	61	" Rome. " " " "	
Colossians	4	61	" Rome. " " " "	
1 Thessalonians	5	50	" Corinth. " " xviii. 1-5.	
2 Thessalonians	3	51	" Corinth. " " xviii. 6-11.	
1 Timothy	6	64	{ In Macedonia, previous to his second imprisonment.	
2 Timothy	4	65	{ At Rome, during his second imprisonment.	
Titus	3	64	{ In Macedonia, previous to his second imprisonment.	
Philemon	1	62	{ At Rome, during his first imprisonment.	
Hebrews	13	63	{ In Italy, after release from his first imprisonment.	
GENERAL OR CATHOLIC.				
Of James	5	62	At Jerusalem.	
1 of Peter	5	65	{ At Babylon.	
2 of Peter	3	66	{ At Ephesus, probably.	
1 of John	5	96	{ Unknown.	
2 of John	1	96	{ The date of these is very uncertain. John wrote after the death of <i>Peter</i> and <i>Paul</i> , and the destruction of Jerusalem.	
3 of John	1	97	{	
Of Jude	1	66	{	
PROPHETIC.				
Revelation	22	98	At Ephesus.	

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

THE book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

ABRAHAM begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob 2
begat Judas and his brethren. And Judas begat Phares and 3
Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom. And Esrom begat
Aram; 'and Aram begat Aminadab. And Aminadab begat 4
Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon. And Salmon begat Booz 5
of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth. And Obed begat
Jesse; 'and Jesse begat David the king. And David the king 6
begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias; and Solo- 7
mon begat Roboam. And Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat
Asa. And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram. 8
And Joram begat Ozias; 'and Ozias begat Joatham. And Joa- 9
tham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias. And Ezekias 10
begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon. And Amon begat
Josias; and Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the 11
time they were carried away to Babylon. And after they were 12
brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel
begat Zorobabel. And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud 13
begat Eliakim. And Eliakim begat Azor; 'and Azor begat 14
Sadoc. And Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud.
'And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan. And 15
Matthan begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of 16
Mary, of whom was born JESUS, who is called CHRIST. So all 17
the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen genera-
tions; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon *are*
fourteen generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon
unto Christ *are* fourteen generations.

NOW the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as 18
his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came to-
gether, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Jo- 19
seph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her
a public example, was minded to put her away privily. But 20
while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD
appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of
David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which
is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost: and she shall bring 21
forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save
his people from their sins. (Now all this was done, that it might 22
be fulfilled which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet,
saying,

Behold, a Virgin shall be with child,
And shall bring forth a son.
And they shall call his name EMMANUEL,

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which being interpreted, is, GOD WITH US.) Then Joseph, 24

being raised from sleep, did as the angel of the LORD had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: and knew her not till she had brought forth her first-born son: and he called his name JESUS. 25

NOW when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came WISE MEN from the east to Jerusalem, 'saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard *these things*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him; In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet, 2 3 4 5

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda,
Art not the least among the princes of Juda:
For out of thee shall come a Governor,
That shall rule my people Israel. 6

Then Herod, when he had privily called the WISE MEN, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go, and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found *him*, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way. 7 8 9 10 11 12

AND when they were departed, behold, the angel of the LORD appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the LORD by the prophet, saying, 13 14 15

Out of Egypt have I called my Son.

THEN Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the WISE MEN, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the WISE MEN. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, 16 17

In Rama was there a voice heard,
Lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children,
And would not be comforted, because they are not. 18

BUT, when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the LORD appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, 'saying, Arise, and take 19 20

the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: and he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

IN those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'and saying, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the LORD,
Make his paths straight.

And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, 'and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers! who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water, unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor and gather his wheat into the garner: but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

THEN cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbade him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer *it to be so* now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him. And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: and lo, a voice from heaven, saying,

'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'

THEN was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness, to be tempted of the Devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterwards an hungered.

AND when the Tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, "Man shall not live by

bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

THEN the Devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 'and saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down, for it is written,

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee:
And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up,
Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Jesus said unto him, It is written again, "Thou shalt not tempt the LORD thy God."

AGAIN the Devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them, 'and saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan! for it is written, "Thou shalt worship the LORD thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." Then the Devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

NOW, when Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea-coast in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim,
By the way of the sea,

Beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles:

The people which sat in darkness, saw great light;

And to them which sat in the region and shadow of death, light is sprung up.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

AND Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers. And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left *their* nets, and followed him. And going on from thence, he saw other two brethren, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in a ship with Zebedee their father, mending their nets: and he called them. And they immediately left the ship and their father, and followed him.

AND Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people. And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

AND there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan. And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain: and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying,

'Blessed *are* the poor in spirit: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. 3
 Blessed *are* they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. 4
 Blessed *are* the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed 5,6
are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they
 shall be filled. Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain 7
 mercy. Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God. 8
 Blessed *are* the peace-makers: for they shall be called the chil- 9
 dren of God. Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for right- 10
 eousness' sake: for their's is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed 11
 are ye when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall
 say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Re- 12
 joice, and be exceeding glad, for great *is* your reward in heaven:
 for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his 13
 savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for
 nothing, but to be cast out and to be trodden under foot of men.
 'Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill can- 14
 not be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a 15
 bushel, but on a candlestick: and it giveth light unto all that
 are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they 16
 may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in
 heaven.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: 17
 I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily, I say unto 18
 you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no
 wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever there- 19
 fore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall
 teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of
 heaven: but whosoever shall do, and teach *them*, the same shall
 be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I say unto you, 20
 That except your righteousness shall exceed *the righteousness* of
 the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the king-
 dom of heaven.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, "Thou 21
 shalt not kill," and, "Whosoever shall kill, shall
 be in danger of the judgment:" but I say unto you, That 22
 whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause, shall be in
 danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother,
 Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall
 say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell-fire. Therefore, if thou 23
 bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother
 hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, 24
 and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come
 and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, whilst 25
 thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary
 deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the offi-
 cer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily, I say unto thee, Thou 26
 shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the utter-
 most farthing.

Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, "Thou 27
 shalt not commit adultery:" but I say unto you, That 28

whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her, hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye 29 offend thee, pluck it out, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand of- 30 fend thee, cut it off, and cast *it* from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not *that* thy whole body should be cast into hell. It hath been said, "Who- 31 soever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement:" but I say unto you, That 32 whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced, committeth adultery.

Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old 33 time, "Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto the LORD thine oaths:" But I say unto 34 you, Swear not at all: neither by heaven; for it is God's throne: 'nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; 35 for it is the city of the great King: neither shalt thou swear by 36 thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for what- 37 soever is more than these cometh of evil.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, "An eye for an 38 eye, and a tooth for a tooth." But I say unto you, That 39 ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also: and if any man will sue thee 40 at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have *thy* cloak also. And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him 41 twain. Give to him that asketh thee; and from him that would 42 borrow of thee, turn not thou away.

Ye have heard that it hath been said, "Thou shalt love 43 thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy:" But I say unto 44 you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your 45 Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have 46 ye? do not even the publicans the same? 'and if ye salute your 47 brethren only, what do ye more *than others*? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which 48 is in heaven is perfect.

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen 6 of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound 2 a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do, in the synagogues, and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily, I 3 say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth; 4 'that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites 5
are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues, and in the
 corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily, I
 say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou 6
 prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door,
 pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which
 seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, 7
 use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that
 they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye there- 8
 fore like unto them; for your Father knoweth what things ye
 have need of before ye ask him. After this manner therefore 9
 pray ye:

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
 'Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as *it is* in 10
 heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us 11
 our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 'And lead us not into 13
 temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 'For, if ye for- 14
 give men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive
 you: but, if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will 15
 your Father forgive your trespasses.

Moreover, when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad 16
 countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear
 unto men to fast. Verily, I say unto you, They have their re-
 ward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash 17
 thy face; that thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy 18
 Father, which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret,
 shall reward thee openly.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth 19
 and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and
 steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where 20
 neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not
 break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there will 21
 your heart be also. 'The light of the body is the eye. If there- 22
 fore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.
 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of dark- 23
 ness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how
 great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for 24
 either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will
 hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God
 and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what 25
 ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink: nor yet for your body, what
 ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body
 than raiment? Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, 26
 neither do they reap, nor gather into barns: yet your heavenly
 Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?
 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his 27
 stature? 'And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the 28
 lilies of the field, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they
 spin; 'and yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his 29

glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore if God so 30
clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is
cast into the oven, *shall he* not much more *clothe* you, O ye of
little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we 31
eat? or, what shall we drink? or, wherewithal shall we be
clothed? ' (for after all these things do the Gentiles seek;) for 32
your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these
things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteous- 33
ness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Take there- 34
fore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take
thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the
evil thereof.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. 'For with what judgment 7
ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete,
it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou 3
the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam
that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, 4
Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam
is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite! first cast out the beam 5
out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast
out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

Give not that which is holy unto the dogs; neither cast ye 6
your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their
feet, and turn again and rend you.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, 7
and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, re- 8
ceiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh,
it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his 9
son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will 10
he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give 11
good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father
which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to 12
you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad 13
is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which
go in thereat: because, strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, 14
which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's 15
clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall 16
know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or
figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good 17
fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree 18
cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring
forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit 19
is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore, by their fruits 20
ye shall know them.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into 21
the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father
which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, 22
Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name

have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: 23 depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and 24 doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. And the rain descended, and the floods 25 came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth 26 these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand. And the 27 rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

AND it came to pass when Jesus had ended these sayings, the 28 people were astonished at his doctrine. For he taught them as 29 one having authority, and not as the scribes.

WHEN he was come down from the mountain, great multi- 8 tudes followed him. And, behold, there came a leper and wor- 2 shipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus put forth *his* hand, and touched him, saying, 3 I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, 4 show thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

AND when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came 5 unto him a centurion, beseeching him, and saying, Lord, my 6 servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. The cen- 7,8 turion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, 9 having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*. When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, 10 and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel! And I say unto you, 11 That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven; but the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into 12 outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou 13 hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the self-same hour.

AND when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his 14 wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever. And he touched her 15 hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.

WHEN the even was come, they brought unto him many that 16 were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with *his* word, and healed all that were sick; that it might be fulfilled 17 which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.

NOW when Jesus saw great multitudes about him, he gave 18
commandment to depart unto the other side.

AND a certain scribe came, and said unto him; Master, I will 19
follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus saith unto 20
him; The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests;
but the Son of man hath not where to lay *his* head.

AND another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me 21
first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow 22
me; and let the dead bury their dead.

AND when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed 23
him. And behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inso- 24
much that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was
asleep. And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, 25
Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are 26
ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the
winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men 27
marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that even the
winds and the sea obey him!

AND when he was come to the other side, into the country 28
of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils,
coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might
pass by that way. And behold, they cried out, saying, What 29
have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come
hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way 30
off from them a herd of many swine, feeding. So the devils 31
besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away
into the herd of swine. 'And he said unto them, Go. And 32
when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine:
and behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep
place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that 33
kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every
thing; and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils.
And behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when 34
they saw him, they besought *him* that he would depart out of
their coasts. And he entered into a ship, and passed over, and 9
came into his own city.

AND behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, 2
lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith, said unto the sick
of the palsy, Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.
And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This 3
man blasphemeth. And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said; 4
Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For whether is easier 5
to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?
But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth 6
to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take
up thy bed, and go unto thine house. And he arose, and de- 7
parted to his house. But when the multitude saw *it*, they mar- 8
velled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men.

AND as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named 9
Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him,
Follow me. And he arose and followed him And it came to 10

pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. And 11 when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners? But when 12 Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them; They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn 13 what *that* meaneth,

I will have mercy, and not sacrifice,

for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

THEN came to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we 14 and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus 15 said unto them; Can the children of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? but the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken from them, and then shall they fast. No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old 16 garment: for that which is put in to fill it up, taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. Neither do men put new 17 wine into old bottles; else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.

WHILE he spake these things unto them, behold, there came 18 a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. And Jesus arose, and followed him, and *so did* his 19 disciples.

And behold, a woman which was diseased with an issue of 20 blood twelve years, came behind *him*, and touched the hem of his garment. For she said within herself, If I may but touch 21 his garment, I shall be whole. But Jesus turned him about, 22 and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.

And when Jesus came into the ruler's house, and saw the 23 minstrels and the people making a noise, he said unto them, 24 Give place: for the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when the people were put forth, he 25 went in, and took her by the hand: and the maid arose. And 26 the fame hereof went abroad into all that land.

AND when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed 27 him crying, and saying, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came 28 to him: And Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he 29 their eyes, saying, According to your faith, be it unto you. And 30 their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See *that* no man know *it*. But they, when they were de- 31 parted, spread abroad his fame in all that country.

AS THEY went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man 32 possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the 33 dumb spake: and the multitude marvelled, saying, It was never

so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils, 34
through the prince of the devils.

AND Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in 35
their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and
healing every sickness, and every disease among the people.
But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compas- 36
sion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad,
as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples; 37
The harvest truly *is* plenteous, but the laborers *are* few. Pray 38
ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth
laborers into his harvest.

AND when he had called unto *him* his twelve disciples, he 10
gave them power *against* unclean spirits, to cast them out, and
to heal all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease. Now 2
the names of the twelve Apostles are these; The first, Simon,
who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James *the son of*
Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip, and Bartholomew; 3
Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James *the son of* Alphaeus,
and Lebbeus, whose surname was Thaddeus; Simon the Ca- 4
naanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

THESE twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, 5
Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the
Samaritans enter ye not. But go rather to the lost sheep of the 6
house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of 7
heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the 8
dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Pro- 9
vide neither gold, nor silver, nor brass in your purses; nor scrip 10
for *your* journey, neither two coats, neither shoes, nor yet staves:
for the workman is worthy of his meat. And into whatsoever 11
city or town ye shall enter, inquire who in it is worthy; and
there abide till ye go thence. And when ye come into a house, 12
salute it. And if the house be worthy, let your peace come 13
upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.
And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, 14
when ye depart out of that house, or city, shake off the dust of
your feet. Verily, I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for 15
the land of Sodom and Gomorrah, in the day of judgment, than
for that city. Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of 16
wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.
But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to the councils, 17
and they will scourge you in their synagogues: and ye shall be 18
brought before governors and kings for my sake, for a testimony
against them and the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, 19
take no thought how or what ye shall speak; for it shall be
given you in that same hour what ye shall speak. For it is not 20
ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in
you. And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and 21
the father the child: and the children shall rise up against *their*
parents, and cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be 22
hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that endureth to
the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this 23

city, flee ye into another. For verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more *shall they call* them of his household? 'Fear them not therefore. For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the house-tops. And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. 'But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 'Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. And a man's foes *shall be* they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me, is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life, shall lose it; and he that loseth his life for my sake, shall find it. He that receiveth you, receiveth me; and he that receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man, shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold *water* only, in the name of a disciple, verily, I say unto you, He shall in no wise lose his reward.

AND it came to pass when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and to preach in their cities.

NOW when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples, 'and said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. And blessed is *he* whosoever shall not be offended in me. And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with the wind? 'But what went ye out for to see? A

man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses. 'But what went ye out for to see? A 9 prophet? yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet. For this 10 is *he* of whom it is written,

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Which shall prepare thy way before thee.

Verily, I say unto you. Among them that are born of women, 11 there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding, he that is least in the kingdom of heaven, is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist, until now, the 12 kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the prophets and the law prophesied until 13 John. And if ye will receive *it*, this is Elias which was for to 14 come. 'He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. 'But where- 15 unto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the markets, and calling unto their fellows, 'and saying, We 17 have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned unto you, and ye have not lamented. For John came neither 18 eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a devil. The Son of 19 man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners. But Wisdom is justified of her children.

THEN began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his 20 mighty works were done, because they repented not. Woe unto 21 thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and 22 Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to 23 hell: for if the mighty works which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land 24 of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

AT that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, 25 Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes. 'Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight! 'All things 26 are delivered unto me of my Father; and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father: neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and *he* to whomsoever the Son will reveal *him*. Come 28 unto me, all *ye* that labor, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me: for I am 29 meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden *is* light. 30

AT that time Jesus went on the sabbath-day through the corn, 31 and his disciples were a hungered, and began to pluck the ears of corn, and to eat. But when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said 32 unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which is not lawful to do upon the sabbath-day. But he said unto them; Have ye not 3 read what David did when he was a hungered, and they that

were with him? how he entered into the house of God, and did eat the show-bread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them which were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath-days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless? But I say unto you, That in this place is *one* greater than the temple. But if ye had known what *this* meaneth,

I will have mercy, and not sacrifice :

ye would not have condemned the guiltless. For the Son of man is Lord even of the sabbath-day.

AND when he was departed thence, he went into their synagogue. And behold, there was a man which had *his* hand withered. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath-days? that they might accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be among you, that shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbath-day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift *it* out? How much then is a man better than a sheep? wherefore it is lawful to do well on the sabbath-days. ' Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched *it* forth; and *it* was restored whole, like as the other. Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against him, how they might destroy him.

BUT when Jesus knew *it*, he withdrew himself from thence: and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all; and charged them that they should not make him known: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

Behold my servant, whom I have chosen :
My beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased :
I will put my spirit upon him,
And he shall show judgment to the Gentiles.
He shall not strive, nor cry ;
Neither shall any man hear his voice in the streets.
A bruised reed shall he not break.
And smoking flax shall he not quench.
Till he send forth judgment unto victory.
And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.

THEN was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb; and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard *it*, they said, This *fellow* doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself, is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself, shall not stand. And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else, how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with

me, is against me; and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit. O generation of vipers! how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man, out of the good treasure of the heart, bringeth forth good things: and an evil man, out of the evil treasure, bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

THEN certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign, and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and behold, a greater than Jonas is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out: and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

WHILE he yet talked to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, desiring to speak with him. Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

THE same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea-side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multi-

tude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them 3
 in parables, saying; Behold, a sower went forth to sow. And 4
 when he sowed, some *seeds* fell by the way-side; and the fowls
 came and devoured them up. Some fell upon stony places, 5
 where they had not much earth; and forthwith they sprung up,
 because they had no deepness of earth; and when the sun was 6
 up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they
 withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns 7
 sprung up, and choked them. But other fell into good ground, 8
 and brought forth fruit, some a hundred-fold, some sixty-fold,
 some thirty-fold. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear! 9

AND the disciples came, and said unto him; Why speakest 10
 thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them; 11
 Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the king-
 dom of heaven; but to them it is not given. For whosoever 12
 hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance:
 but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even
 that he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables: because 13
 they seeing, see not; and hearing, they hear not; neither do
 they understand. And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, 14
 which saith,

By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand;
 And seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:
 For this people's heart is waxed gross,
 And their ears are dull of hearing,
 And their eyes they have closed;
 Lest at any time they should see with their eyes,
 And hear with their ears,
 And should understand with their heart,
 And should be converted, and I should heal them.

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But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they 16
 hear. For, verily, I say unto you, That many prophets and 17
 righteous men have desired to see *those things* which ye see, and
 have not seen *them*; and to hear *those things* which ye hear, and
 have not heard *them*.

'Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 'When any 18
 one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not,
 then cometh the wicked *One*, and catcheth away that which
 was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the
 way-side. But he that received the seed into stony places, the 20
 same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth
 it; 'yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for 21
 when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by
 and by he is offended. He also that received seed among the 22
 thorns, is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world,
 and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh
 unfruitful. But he that received seed into the good ground, is 23
 he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also
 beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundred-fold, some sixty,
 some thirty.

ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The king- 24
 dom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed
 in his field: but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed 25

tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade 26
was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares
also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto 27
him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence
then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done 28
this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go
and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up 29
the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow 30
together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will
say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind
them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my
barn.

ANOTHER parable put he forth unto them, saying, The king- 31
dom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard-seed, which a man
took, and sowed in his field: which indeed is the least of all 32
seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and
becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in
the branches thereof.

ANOTHER parable spake he unto them: The kingdom of 33
heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in
three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

ALL these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; 34
and without a parable spake he not unto them; that it might be 35
fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying,

I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter things which have been kept secret
From the foundation of the world.

THEN Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: 36
and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the
parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto 37
them; He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; ' the 38
field is the world; the good seed are the children of the king-
dom; but the tares are the children of the wicked One; ' the 39
enemy that sowed them is the Devil; the harvest is the end of
the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the 40
tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the
end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, 41
and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend,
and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace 42
of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then 43
shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their
Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

AGAIN: The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in 44
a field: the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for
joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that
field.

AGAIN: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchantman 45
seeking goodly pearls; who when he had found one pearl of
great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

AGAIN: The kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was 47
cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: which, when it 48

was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

JESUS saith unto them, Have ye understood all these things? They say unto him, Yea, Lord. 'Then said he unto them, Therefore every scribe *which is* instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, is like unto a man *that is* a householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure *things* new and old.

AND it came to pass, *that* when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence. And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this *man* this wisdom, and *these* mighty works? Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this *man* all these things? And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house. And he did not many mighty works there, because of their unbelief.

AT that time Herod the Tetrarch heard of the fame of Jesus, and said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist: he is risen from the dead; and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in him.

For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for Herodias' sake, his brother Philip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birth-day was kept, the daughter of Herodias danced before them, and pleased Herod: whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she would ask. And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger. And the king was sorry: nevertheless, for the oath's sake, and them which sat with him at meat, he commanded it to be given *her*. And he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.

WHEN Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

AND when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past: send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy them-

selves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled, and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

AND straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away. And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone. But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night, Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me! And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased. Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

AND when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased: and besought him, that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

THEN came to Jesus scribes and Pharisees, which were of Jerusalem, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, "Honor thy father and mother:" and, "He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death." But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, *It is a gift*, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; and honor not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying,

This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, 8
 And honoreth me with their lips:
 But their heart is far from me.
 But in vain they do worship me, 9
 Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

And he called the multitude, and said unto them, Hear and un- 10
 derstand: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; 11
 but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.
 Then came his disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that 12
 the Pharisees were offended after they heard this saying? But 13
 he answered and said, Every plant, which my heavenly Father
 hath not planted, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they be 14
 blind leaders of the blind; and if the blind lead the blind, both
 shall fall into the ditch. Then answered Peter, and said unto 15
 him, Declare unto us this parable. And Jesus said, Are ye also 16
 yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that 17
 whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is
 cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out 18
 of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the
 man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adul- 19
 teries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are 20
 the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands
 defileth not a man.

THEN Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of 21
 Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came out 22
 of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on
 me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed
 with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his dis- 23
 ciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she
 crieth after us. But he answered and said, I am not sent but 24
 unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Then came she and 25
 worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered, and 26
 said, It is not meet to take the children's bread and to cast it to
 dogs. And she said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs 27
 which fall from their master's table. Then Jesus answered and 28
 said unto her, O woman! great is thy faith: be it unto thee
 even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from
 that very hour.

AND Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea 29
 of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.
 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them *those* 30
that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast
 them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: insomuch that 31
 the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the
 maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see:
 and they glorified the God of Israel.

THEN Jesus called his disciples *unto him*, and said; I have 32
 compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me
 now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send
 them away fasting, lest they faint in the way. And his disciples 33
 say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the
 wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude? And Jesus saith unto 34

them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake *them*, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left seven baskets full. And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children.

And he sent away the multitude, and took ship, and came into the coasts of Magdala.

THE Pharisees also and the Sadducees came, and, tempting, desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them, When it is evening, ye say, *It will be fair weather*: for the sky is red. And in the morning, *It will be foul weather to-day*: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites! ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

AND when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is because we have taken no bread.* Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand? neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake *it* not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade *them* not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

WHEN Jesus came into the coasts of Cesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that I, the Son of man, am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias: and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed *it* unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church: and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

FROM that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, 21
how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of
the elders, and chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and be
raised again the third day. Then Peter took him, and began to 22
rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be
unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind 23
me, Satan; thou art an offence unto me: for thou savorest not
the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

THEN said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come 24
after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow
me. For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it: and who- 25
soever will lose his life for my sake, shall find it: (for what is a 26
man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own
soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?) For 27
the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father, with his
angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his
works. Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, 28
which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man
coming in his kingdom.

AND after six days, Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his 17
brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, 'and 2
was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun,
and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there ap- 3
peared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. Then 4
answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to
be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one
for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet 5
spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold,
a voice out of the cloud, which said,

'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.'

And when the disciples heard *it*, they fell on their face, and 6
were sore afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, 7
Arise, and be not afraid. And when they had lifted up their 8
eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only. And as they came 9
down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the
vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the
dead.

And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes, 10
that Elias must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto 11
them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things: but I 12
say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him
not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed; likewise
shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples 13
understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

AND when they were come to the multitude, there came to 14
him a *certain* man kneeling down to him, and saying, 'Lord, 15
have mercy on my son; for he is a lunatic, and sore vexed; for
oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. And I 16
brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then 17
Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation!

how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him higher to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil, and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard-seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible unto you. Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

AND while they abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be betrayed into the hands of men: and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised again. And they were exceeding sorry.

AND when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute-money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your Master pay tribute? 'He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free. Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up: and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

AT the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, 'and said, Verily, I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name, receiveth me. But, whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh! Wherefore, if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee; it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into everlasting fire. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell-fire. Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which is lost. How think ye? If a man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone

astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he re- 13
joiceth more of that *sheep*, than of the ninety and nine which
went not astray. Even so it is not the will of your Father which 14
is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish. More- 15
over, if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him
his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee,
thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then 16
take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or
three witnesses every word may be established. And if he 17
shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he ne-
glect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as a heathen man
and a publican. Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall 18
bind on earth, shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye
shall loose on earth, shall be loosed in heaven. Again; I say 19
unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth, as touching
any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my
Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gath- 20
ered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

THEN came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my 21
brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?
Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times; but, 22
until seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven 23
likened unto a certain king which would take account of his
servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought 24
unto him which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch 25
as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and
his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be
made. The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, 26
saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.
Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and 27
loosed him, and forgave him the debt. But the same servant 28
went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed
him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took *him*
by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow- 29
servant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have
patience with me, and I will pay thee all. And he would not: 30
but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were 31
very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.
Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O 32
thou wicked servant! I forgave thee all that debt, because thou
desiredst me: shouldest not thou also have had compassion on 33
thy fellow-servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord 34
was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should
pay all that was due unto him. So likewise shall my heavenly 35
Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every
one his brother their trespasses.

AND it came to pass, that when Jesus had finished these say- 19
ings, he departed from Galilee, and came into the coasts of
Judea, beyond Jordan. And great multitudes followed him, 2
and he healed them there.

THE Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying 3
unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every 4
cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, 4
that he which made *them* at the beginning, made them male and 5
female, 'and said, "For this cause shall a man leave 5
father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: 6
and they twain shall be one flesh?" Wherefore they are 6
no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined 7
together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why 7
did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and 8
to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses, because of the 8
hardness of your hearts, suffered you to put away your wives: 9
but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Who- 9
soever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and 10
shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth 10
her which is put away, doth commit adultery. His disciples 11
say unto him, If the case of the man be so with *his* wife, it is 11
not good to marry. But he said unto them, All *men* cannot re- 12
ceive this saying, save *they* to whom it is given. For there are 12
some eunuchs, which were so born from *their* mother's womb: 13
and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: 14
and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs 15
for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive 16
it, let him receive *it*.

THEN were there brought unto him little children, that he 13
should put *his* hands on them, and pray: and the disciples re- 14
buked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid 14
them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of 15
heaven. And he laid *his* hands on them, and departed thence. 15

AND behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, 16
what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And 17
he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good 17
but one, *that is*, God; but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the 18
commandments. 'He saith unto him, Which? Jesus said; 18
"Thou shalt do no murder;" "Thou shalt not 19
commit adultery;" "Thou shalt not steal;" "Thou 19
shalt not bear false witness;" "Honor thy father 20
and *thy* mother," and, "Thou shalt love thy neigh- 20
bor as thyself." The young man saith unto him, All these 21
things have I kept from my youth up: what lack I yet? Jesus 21
said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go *and* sell that thou hast, 22
and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: 23
and come *and* follow me. But when the young man heard that 22
saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions.

THEN said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily, I say unto you, 23
That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. 24
And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through 24
the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the king- 25
dom of God. When his disciples heard *it*, they were exceed- 25
ingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? But Jesus be- 26
held *them*, and said unto them, With men this is impossible, but

with God all things are possible. Then answered Peter, and 27
 said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee;
 what shall we have therefore? And Jesus said unto them, Verily, 28
 I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regene-
 ration, when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory,
 ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes
 of Israel. And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, 29
 or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands,
 for my name's sake, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall in-
 herit everlasting life. But many *that are* first shall be last, and 30
 the last *shall be* first. For the kingdom of heaven is like unto 20
 a man *that is* a householder, which went out early in the morn-
 ing to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed 2
 with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vine-
 yard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others 3
 standing idle in the market-place, and said unto them, Go ye 4
 also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, I will give you.
 And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth 5
 and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh 6
 hour he went out and found others standing idle, and saith unto
 them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, 7
 Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also
 into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, *that* shall ye receive.
 So when evening was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto 8
 his steward, Call the laborers, and give them *their* hire, begin-
 ning from the last unto the first. And when they came that 9
were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a
 penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should 10
 have received more; and they likewise received every man a
 penny. And when they had received *it*, they murmured against 11
 the good man of the house, saying, These last have wrought 12
but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which
 have borne the burden and heat of the day. But he answered 13
 one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not
 thou agree with me for a penny? Take *that* thine *is*, and go thy 14
 way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not 15
 lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? is thine eye
 evil because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first 16
 last: for many be called, but few chosen.

AND Jesus going up to Jerusalem, took the twelve disciples 17
 apart in the way, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Je-
 rusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief
 priests, and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to
 death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to 19
 scourge, and to crucify *him*; and the third day he shall rise
 again.

THEN came to him the mother of Zebedee's children, with 20
 her sons, worshipping *him*, and desiring a certain thing of him.
 And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, 21
 Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand,
 and the other on the left, in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered 22

and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able. And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father. 23

And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister: and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. 24 25 26 27 28

AND as they departed from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the way-side, when they heard that Jesus passed by, cried out, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David! And the multitude rebuked them, because they should hold their peace: but they cried the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, thou son of David! And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will ye that I shall do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. So Jesus had compassion on them, and touched their eyes: and immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed him. 29 30 31 32 33 34

AND when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and were come to Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village over-against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. (All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying; 21 2 3 4

'Tell ye the daughter of Sion,
Behold, thy king cometh unto thee,
Meek, and sitting upon an ass,
And a colt the foal of an ass;')

'And the disciples went, and did as Jesus commanded them,' and brought the ass and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest! 6,7 8 9

AND when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee. And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought 10 11 12

in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold doves, 'and said unto them, It is 13 written,

My house shall be called the house of prayer,
But ye have made it a den of thieves.

AND the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and 14 he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw 15 the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! they were sore displeased, 'and said unto him, Hearest thou what these 16 say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea: have ye never read,

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings
Thou hast perfected praise?

AND he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany, and 17 he lodged there.

NOW, in the morning, as he returned into the city, he hun- 18 gered. And when he saw a fig-tree in the way, he came to it, 19 and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig-tree withered away.

AND when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How 20 soon is the fig-tree withered away! Jesus answered and said 21 unto them, Verily, I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this *which is done* to the fig-tree, but also, if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things 22 whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

AND when he was come into the temple, the chief priests 23 and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto 24 them, I also will ask you one thing, which if ye tell me, I in like wise will tell you by what authority I do these things. The 25 baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven, or of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why did ye not then believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; we fear the people: for all hold 26 John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We 27 cannot tell. And he said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

But what think ye? A *certain* man had two sons; and he 28 came to the first, and said, Son, go work to-day in my vineyard. He answered and said, I will not; but afterward he repented, 29 and went. 'And he came to the second, and said likewise. And 30 he answered and said, I *go*, sir: and went not. Whether of 31 them twain did the will of *his* father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye be- 32 lieved him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him.

and ye, when ye had seen *it*, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

HEAR another parable: There was a certain householder, 33 which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a wine-press in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country: and when the time 34 of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen 35 took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants more than the first: and 36 they did unto them likewise. But last of all, he sent unto them 37 his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the 38 husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast *him* out of the vineyard, 39 and slew *him*. When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, 40 what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, 41 He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out *his* vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never 42 read in the scriptures,

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same is become the head of the corner:
This is the Lord's doing,
And it is marvellous in our eyes?

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken 43 from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone, shall be broken: but on 44 whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

AND when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they 45 sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.

AND Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, 22 and said, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, 2 which made a marriage for his son, and sent forth his servants 3 to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come. Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them 4 which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and *my* fatlings *are* killed, and all things *are* ready: come unto the marriage. But they made light of *it*, and went their ways, 5 one to his farm, another to his merchandise. And the remnant 6 took his servants, and entreated *them* spitefully, and slew *them*. But when the king heard *thereof*, he was wroth: and he sent 7 forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city. Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, 8 but they which were bidden were not worthy. Go ye therefore 9 into the high-ways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage. So those servants went out into the high-ways, and gath- 10 ered together all, as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests. And when the 11 king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had

not on a wedding garment: and he saith unto him, Friend, how 12
camest thou in hither, not having a wedding garment? And he
was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him 13
hand and foot, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer dark-
ness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many 14
are called, but few *are* chosen.

THEN went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might 15
entangle him in *his* talk. And they sent out unto him their 16
disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou
art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest
thou for any *man*: for thou regardest not the person of men.
'Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give 17
tribute unto Cesar, or not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, 18
and said, Why tempt ye me, *ye* hypocrites? show me the tribute- 19
money. And they brought unto him a penny. 'And he saith 20
unto them, Whose is this image, and superscription? They say 21
unto him, Cesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore
unto Cesar, the things which are Cesar's; and unto God, the
things that are God's. When they had heard *these words*, they 22
marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that 23
there is no resurrection, and asked him, 'saying, Master, Moses 24
said, "If a man die, having no children, his brother
shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his
brother." Now, there were with us seven brethren: and the 25
first, when he had married a wife, deceased; and having no
issue, left his wife unto his brother. Likewise the second also, 26
and the third, unto the seventh. And last of all the woman 27
died also. Therefore, in the resurrection, whose wife shall she 28
be of the seven? for they all had her. Jesus answered and 29
said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the
power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor 30
are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.
But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read 31
that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, "I am the 32
God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob?" God is not the God of the dead, but of the 33
living. And when the multitude heard *this*, they were astonished
at his doctrine.

BUT when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sad- 34
ducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of 35
them *which was* a lawyer, asked *him a question*, tempting him,
and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the 36
law? Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the LORD 37
thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul,
and with all thy mind." This is the first and great com- 38
mandment. And the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt 39
love thy neighbor as thyself." On these two command- 40
ments hang all the law and the prophets.

WHILE the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked 41
them, 'saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? 'They 42

say unto him, *The son of David*. He saith unto them, How then doth David in Spirit call him LORD, saying,

The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

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'If David then call him LORD, how is he his son? 'And no man 45 was able to answer him a word; neither durst any *man*, from that day forth, ask him any more *questions*.

THEN spake Jesus to the multitude, and to his disciples, 'say-23 ing, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. All there- 3 fore whatsoever they bid you observe, *that* observe and do: but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not. For they 4 bind heavy burdens, and grievous to be borne, and lay *them* on men's shoulders; but they *themselves* will not move them with one of their fingers. But all their works they do for to be seen 5 of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the uppermost rooms at 6 feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, 'and greetings in 7 the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. But be 8 not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, *even* Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no *man* your father upon the 9 earth: for one is your Father which is in heaven. Neither be 10 ye called masters: for one is your Master, *even* Christ. But he 11 that is greatest among you, shall be your servant. And whoso- 12 ever shall exalt himself, shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself, shall be exalted.

BUT woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye 13 shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering, to go in. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour 14 widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation. Woe unto you, scribes 15 and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, *ye* blind 16 guides! which say, 'Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor.' Ye fools, and blind! for whether is greater, the 17 gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? And 'whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth 18 by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty.' Ye fools, and blind! for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and 20 by all things thereon. And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, 23 hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint, and anise, and cummin, and have omitted the weightier *matters* of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. Ye blind guides! which strain at a gnat, and 24

swallow a camel. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. *Thou* blind Pharisee! cleanse first that *which is* within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. Woe unto you scribes, and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 'and say, 'If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' Wherefore, ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. *Ye* serpents! *ye* generation of vipers! how can ye escape the damnation of hell! Wherefore, behold, 'I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; and *some* of them ye shall kill and crucify, and *some* of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute *them* from city to city; that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel, unto the blood of Zacharias, son of Barachias, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar.' Verily, I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! *thou* that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under *her* wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you desolate! For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD!

AND Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to *him* for to show him the buildings of the temple. And Jesus said unto them, See ye not all these things? Verily, I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another that shall not be thrown down.

AND as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. And ye shall hear of wars, and rumors of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these *are* the beginning of sorrows.

THEN shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, 10
and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, 11
and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, 12
the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure 13
unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the 14
kingdom shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto
all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye, therefore, 15
shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the
prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him under-
stand,) then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains: 16
let him which is on the house-top not come down to take any 17
thing out of his house: neither let him which is in the field re-
turn back to take his clothes. And woe unto them that are 18
with child, and to them that give suck in those days! Put pray 19
ye that your flight be not in the winter, neither on the sabbath-
day: for then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since 21
the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.
And except those days should be shortened, there should no 22
flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake, those days shall be
shortened. 'Then if any man shall say unto you, 'Lo, here is 23
Christ,' or 'there!' believe *it* not. For there shall arise false 24
Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and won-
ders: insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the
very elect. 'Behold, I have told you before. 'Wherefore, if 25
they shall say unto you, 'Behold, he is in the desert!' go not forth:
'behold, *he is* in the secret chambers!' believe *it* not. For as the 27
lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the
west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For 28
wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered
together.

IMMEDIATELY after the tribulation of those days, shall the sun 29
be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars
shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be
shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in 30
heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and
they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven
with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels 31
with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together
his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the
other.

Now learn a parable of the fig-tree: When his branch is yet 32
tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:
so likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it 33
is near, *even* at the doors. Verily, I say unto you, This genera-
tion shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled. Heaven and 34
earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away. But 35
of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of
heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe *were*, so 37
shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days 38
that were before the flood, they were eating and drinking, mar-
rying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered

into the ark, 'and knew not until the flood came, and took them 39
all away: so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then 40
shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other,
left. 'Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be 41
taken, and the other left. Watch therefore; for ye know not 42
what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the 43
good man of the house had known in what watch the thief would
come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his
house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such 44
an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh. Who then is 45
a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over
his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that 46
servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find so doing.
Verily, I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all 47
his goods. But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, 48
'My lord delayeth his coming;' and shall begin to smite *his* fel- 49
low-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; the lord 50
of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for
him, and in an hour that he is not aware of, 'and shall cut him 51
asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites; there
shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'THEN shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten vir-25
gins, which took their lamps and went forth to meet the bride-
groom. And five of them were wise, and five *were* foolish. They 2,3
that *were* foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
'but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 'While 4,5
the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at 6
midnight there was a cry made, Behold the bridegroom cometh;
go ye out to meet him! Then all those virgins arose, and trim- 7
med their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us 8
of your oil: for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, 9
saying, *Not so*; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go
ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while 10
they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were
ready, went in with him to the marriage: and the door was
shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, 11
Lord, open to us! But he answered and said, Verily, I say unto 12
you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the 13
day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

For *the kingdom of heaven is* as a man travelling into a far 14
country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them
his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, 15
and to another one; to every man according to his several ability;
and straightway took his journey. Then he that had received 16
the five talents, went and traded with the same, and made *them*
other five talents. And likewise he that *had received* two, he 17
also gained other two. But he that had received one, went and 18
dugged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. After a long 19
time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.
And so he that had received five talents, came and brought 20
other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five

talents: behold, I have gained besides them five talents more. His lord said unto him, Well done, *thou* good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord. He also that had received two talents, came, and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents besides them. His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. enter thou into the joy of thy lord. Then he which had received the one talent came, and said, Lord, I knew thee, that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strewed: and I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, *there* thou hast *that is* thine. His lord answered and said unto him, *Thou* wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strewed: thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and *then* at my coming I should have received mine own with usury. Take therefore the talent from him, and give *it* unto him which hath ten talents. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not, shall be taken away, even that which he hath. And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

WHEN the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: 'and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth *his* sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: 'naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, and fed *thee*? or thirsty, and gave *thee* drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took *thee* in? or naked, and clothed *thee*? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done *it* unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done *it* unto me.

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was a hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: 'I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee a hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister

unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say 45
unto you, Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these,
ye did *it* not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting 46
punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

AND it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these say-26
ings, he said unto his disciples, Ye know that after two days is 3
the feast of the passover, and the Son of man is betrayed to be
crucified.

THEN assembled together the chief priests, and the scribes, 3
and the elders of the people, unto the palace of the high priest,
who was called Caiaphas, 'and consulted that they might take 4
Jesus by subtilty, and kill *him*. But they said, Not on the feast- 5
day, lest there be an uproar among the people.

Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the 6
leper, there came unto him a woman having an alabaster-box of 7
very precious ointment, and poured *it* on his head as he sat *at*
meat. But when his disciples saw *it*, they had indignation, say- 8
ing, To what purpose *is* this waste? For this ointment might 9
have been sold for much, and given to the poor. When Jesus 10
understood *it*, he said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman?
for she hath wrought a good work upon me. For ye have the 11
poor always with you; but me ye have not always. For in that 12
she hath poured this ointment on my body, she did *it* for my
burial. Verily, I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel shall 13
be preached in the whole world, *there* shall also this, that this
woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.

THEN one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto 14
the chief priests, 'and said *unto them*, What will ye give me, 15
and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with
him for thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought 16
opportunity to betray him.

Now, the first *day* of the *feast of unleavened bread*, the dis- 17
ciples came to Jesus, saying unto him, Where wilt thou that we
prepare for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the 18
city to such a man, and say unto him, The Master saith, My
time is at hand; I will keep the passover at thy house with my
disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus had appointed them: 19
and they made ready the passover.

Now, when the even was come, he sat down with the twelve. 20
And as they did eat, he said, Verily I say unto you, That one 21
of you shall betray me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, 22
and began every one of them to say unto him, Lord, is it I? And 23
he answered and said, He that dippeth *his* hand with me in the
dish, the same shall betray me. The Son of man goeth, as it is 24
written of him: but woe unto that man by whom the Son of
man is betrayed: it had been good for that man if he had not
been born. Then Judas, which betrayed him, answered and 25
said, Master, is it I? He said unto him, Thou hast said.

AND as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and 26
brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is
my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* 27

to them, saying, Drink ye all of it: for this is my blood of the 28
new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of 29
the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my
Father's kingdom.

AND when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the 30
mount of Olives. Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be 31
offended because of me this night: for it is written,

I will smite the Shepherd,
And the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad.

But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee. 32
Peter answered and said unto him, Though all *men* shall be 33
offended because of thee, *yet* will I never be offended. Jesus 34
said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, That this night, before
the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. Peter said unto him, 35
Though I should die with thee, yet will not I deny thee. Like-
wise also said all the disciples.

THEN cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Geth- 36
semane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go
and pray yonder. And he took with him Peter, and the two 37
sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.
Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even 38
unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me. And he went 39
a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my
Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless,
not as I will, but as thou *wilt*. And he cometh unto the disci- 40
ples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What! could
ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter 41
not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is*
weak. He went away again the second time, and prayed, say- 42
ing, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, ex-
cept I drink it, thy will be done. And he came and found them 43
asleep again: for their eyes were heavy. And he left them, and 44
went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same
words. Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, 45
Sleep on now, and take *your* rest; behold the hour is at hand,
and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, 46
let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

AND while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, 47
and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from
the chief priests and elders of the people. Now, he that be- 48
trayed him, gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss,
that same is he: hold him fast. And forthwith he came to Jesus, 49
and said, Hail, Master; and kissed him. And Jesus said unto 50
him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and
laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And behold, one of them 51
which were with Jesus, stretched out *his* hand, and drew his
sword, and struck a servant of the high priest, and smote off his
ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into 52
his place: for all they that take the sword, shall perish with the
sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and 53

he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me. But all this was done, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.

AND they that had laid hold on Jesus, led *him* away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. But Peter followed him afar off, unto the high priest's palace, and went in, and sat with the servants to see the end. Now, the chief priests, and elders, and all the council, sought false witness against Jesus, to put him to death; but found none. Yea, though many false witnesses came, yet found they none. At the last came two false witnesses, and said, This fellow said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless, I say unto you, Hereafter shall ye see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard his blasphemy. 'What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death. Then did they spit in his face, and buffeted him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee?

Now Peter sat without in the palace: and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before *them* all, saying, I know not what thou sayest.

AND when he was gone out into the porch, another *maid* saw him, and said unto them that were there, This fellow was also with Jesus of Nazareth. And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man.

AND after a while came unto *him* they that stood by, and said to Peter, Surely thou also art *one* of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, saying, I know not the man. And immediately the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, which said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

WHEN the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. And when they had bound him, they led *him* away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor.

THEN Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty

pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 'saying, I have 4
 sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they
 said, What *is that* to us? see thou *to that*. And he cast down 5
 the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and
 hanged himself. And the chief priests took the silver pieces, 6
 and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, be-
 cause it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and 7
 bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Where- 8
 fore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.
 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the 9
 prophet, saying,

And they took the thirty pieces of silver,
 The price of him that was valued,
 Whom they of the children of Israel did value,
 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

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AND Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked 11
 him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said
 unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused of the chief 12
 priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then saith Pilate 13
 unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness
 against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch 14
 that the governor marvelled greatly. Now at *that* feast, the 15
 governor was wont to release unto the people a prisoner, whom
 they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Ba- 16
 rabbas. Therefore, when they were gathered together, Pilate 17
 said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barab-
 bas, or Jesus, which is called Christ? (For he knew that for envy 18
 they had delivered him.)

WHEN he was set down on the judgment-seat, his wife sent 19
 unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that just man:
 for I have suffered many things this day in a dream, because of
 him. But the chief priests and elders persuaded the multitude 20
 that they should ask Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. The gover-
 nor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will 21
 ye that I release unto you? They said, Barabbas. 'Pilate saith 22
 unto them, What shall I do then with Jesus, which is called
 Christ? *They* all say unto him, Let him be crucified. 'And the 23
 governor said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried
 out the more, saying, Let him be crucified. When Pilate saw 24
 that he could prevail nothing, but *that* rather a tumult was
 made, he took water, and washed *his* hands before the multitude,
 saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye 25
 to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on 26
 us and on our children. Then released he Barabbas unto them:
 and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered *him* to be cru-
 cified.

THEN the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the common 27
 hall, and gathered unto him the whole band of *soldiers*: and 28
 they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe: and when 29
 they had platted a crown of thorns, they put *it* upon his head,
 and a reed in his right hand; and they bowed the knee before
 him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And 30

they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head. And after that they had mocked him, they took the robe 31 off from him, and put his own raiment on him, and led him away to crucify him.

AND as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon 32 by name: him they compelled to bear his cross. And when 33 they were come unto a place called Golgotha, (that is to say, A place of a scull,) they gave him vinegar to drink, mingled with 34 gall: and when he had tasted *thereof*, he would not drink. And 35 they crucified him, and parted his garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet:

They parted my garments among them,
And upon my vesture did they cast lots.

'And sitting down, they watched him there: 'and set up over his 36 head his accusation written, "THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS." Then were there two thieves crucified with him; one 38 on the right hand, and another on the left.

AND they that passed by reviled him, wagging their heads, 39 'and saying, Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it 40 in three days, save thyself. If thou be the Son of God, come down from the cross. Likewise also the chief priests mocking 41 him, with the scribes and elders, said, 'He saved others; him- 42 self he cannot save. If he be the King of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. He trusted 43 in God; let him deliver him now, if he will have him! for he said, I am the Son of God. The thieves also which were cru- 44 cified with him, cast the same in his teeth. Now, from the 45 sixth hour there was darkness over all the land unto the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, 46 saying,

Eli! Eli! lama sabachthani!

(that is to say, "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?") Some of them that stood there, when they heard 47 that, said, This man calleth for Elias. And straightway one of 48 them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. The rest said, Let be, let 49 us see whether Elias will come to save him.

JESUS, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded 50 up the ghost. And behold, the veil of the temple was rent in 51 twain from the top to the bottom: and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; and the graves were opened, and many bodies 52 of the saints which slept, arose, 'and came out of the graves 53 after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many. Now, when the centurion, and they that were 54 with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God! And many women were there, beholding afar off, 55 which followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: among 56 which was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of Zebedee's children.

WHEN the even was come, there came a rich man of Arima- 57

thea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: He 58
went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate
commanded the body to be delivered. And when Joseph had 59
taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 'and laid 60
it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock; and
he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and de-
parted. And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, 61
sitting over-against the sepulchre.

Now, the next day that followed the day of the preparation, 62
the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 'say- 63
ing, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet
alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore 64
that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest his dis-
ciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the
people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be
worse than the first. Pilate said unto them, Ye have a watch: 65
go your way, make it as sure as ye can. So they went and made 66
the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

IN the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the 23
first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene, and the other
Mary, to see the sepulchre.

And behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of 2
the LORD descended from heaven, and came and rolled back
the stone from the door, and sat upon it. His countenance was 3
like lightning, and his raiment white as snow. And for fear 4
of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And 5
the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I
know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: 6
for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord
lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, that he is risen from 7
the dead, and behold, he goeth before you into Galilee: there
shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

And they departed quickly from the sepulchre, with fear and 8
great joy: and did run to bring his disciples word. And as 9
they went to tell his disciples, behold Jesus met them, saying,
All hail! And they came, and held him by the feet, and wor-
shipped him. Then said Jesus unto them, Be not afraid: go tell 10
my brethren, that they go into Galilee, and there shall they see
me.

Now, when they were going, behold some of the watch came 11
into the city, and showed unto the chief priests all the things
that were done. And when they were assembled with the el- 12
ders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the
soldiers, 'saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole 13
him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's
ears, we will persuade him, and secure you. So they took the 14
money, and did as they were taught: and this saying is com- 15
monly reported among the Jews until this day.

THEN the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a 16
mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they 17
saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And Jesus 18

came, and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK.

THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. **1**

As it is written in the prophets;

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, **2**

Which shall prepare thy way before thee;—

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **3**

Prepare ye the way of the LORD!

Make his paths straight.

John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. And John was clothed with camel's hair, and with a girdle of a skin about his loins; and he did eat locusts and wild honey; and preached, saying, There cometh one mightier than I after me, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. I indeed have baptized you with water; but he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost. **4 5 6 7 8**

AND it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him. And there came a voice from heaven, saying, **9 10 11**

‘Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’

AND immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness. And he was there in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. **12 13**

NOW, after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. **14 15**

Now as he walked by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they forsook their nets, and followed him. And when he had gone a little further thence, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the ship mending their nets. And straightway he called them: and they left their **16 17 18 19 20**

father Zebedee in the ship with the hired servants, and went after him.

AND they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath-day he entered into the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 'saying, Let us alone! what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

AND forthwith, when they were come out of the synagogue, they entered into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. But Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and anon they tell him of her. And he came and took her by the hand, and lifted her up; and immediately the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.

AND at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were diseased, and them that were possessed with devils. 'And all the city was gathered together at the door. 'And he healed many that were sick of divers diseases, and cast out many devils; and suffered not the devils to speak, because they knew him.

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. And Simon, and they that were with him, followed after him. And when they had found him, they said unto him, All men seek for thee. And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth. And he preached in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and cast out devils.

AND there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And Jesus, moved with compassion, put forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I will; be thou clean. And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed. And he straitly charged him, and forthwith sent him away; and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man; but go thy way, show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to blaze abroad the matter, insomuch that Jesus could no more openly enter into the city, but was without in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

AND again he entered into Capernaum, after *some* days; and 2
 it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many 2
 were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to
 receive *them*, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached
 the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one 3
 sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they 4
 could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the
 roof where he was: and when they had broken *it* up, they let
 down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay. When Jesus 5
 saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins
 be forgiven thee. But there were certain of the scribes sitting 6
 there, and reasoning in their hearts; Why doth this *man* thus 7
 speak blasphemies? who can forgive sins but God only? And 8
 immediately, when Jesus perceived in his spirit that they so
 reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason
 ye these things in your hearts? Whether is it easier to say to the 9
 sick of the palsy, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise,
 and take up thy bed, and walk? But that ye may know that the 10
 Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (he saith to the
 sick of the palsy,) 'I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, 11
 and go thy way into thy house. And immediately he arose, 12
 took up the bed, and went forth before them all; insomuch that
 they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw
 it on this fashion.

AND he went forth again by the sea-side; and all the multi- 13
 tude resorted unto him, and he taught them. And as he passed 14
 by, he saw Levi *the son* of Alphaeus, sitting at the receipt of
 custom, and said unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and fol-
 lowed him. And it came to pass, that as Jesus sat at meat in 15
 his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with
 Jesus and his disciples; for there were many, and they followed
 him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with 16
 publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it
 that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? When 17
 Jesus heard *it*, he saith unto them, They that are whole have
 no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to
 call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.

AND the disciples of John, and of the Pharisees, used to fast: 18
 and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John
 and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? And Jesus 19
 said unto them, Can the children of the bride-chamber fast, while
 the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bride-
 groom with them, they cannot fast. But the days will come, 20
 when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, and then
 shall they fast in those days. No man also seweth a piece of 21
 new cloth on an old garment: else the new piece that filled it
 up, taketh away from the old, and the rent is made worse. And 22
 no man putteth new wine into old bottles: else the new wine
 doth burst the bottles, and the wine is spilled, and the bottles
 will be marred: but new wine must be put into new bottles.

AND it came to pass, that he went through the corn-fields on 23

the sabbath-day; and his disciples began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn. And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath-day that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was a hungered, he and they that were with him? How he went into the house of God, in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and did eat the show-bread, which is not lawful to eat, but for the priests, and gave also to them which were with him? And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: therefore, the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

AND he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath-day; that they might accuse him. And he saith unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath-days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? but they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And the Pharisees went forth, and straightway took counsel with the Herodians against him, how they might destroy him.

BUT Jesus withdrew himself with his disciples to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed him, and from Judea, 'and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and from beyond Jordan: and they about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, when they had heard what great things he did, came unto him. And he spake to his disciples, that a small ship should wait on him, because of the multitude, lest they should throng him. For he had healed many; insomuch that they pressed upon him for to touch him, as many as had plagues. And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. And he straitly charged them, that they should not make him known.

AND he goeth up into a mountain, and calleth unto him whom he would: and they came unto him. And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, 'and to have power to heal sicknesses, and to cast out devils. 'And Simon he surnamed Peter. 'And James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James, (and he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder;) and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alpheus, and Thaddeus, and Simon the Canaanite, 'and Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him:

AND they went into a house: 'and the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. And when his friends heard of it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. And the scribes which came

down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. And he called them *unto him*, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house. Verily, I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: but he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation: because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

THERE came then his brethren and his mother, and standing without, sent unto him, calling him. And the multitude sat about him; and they said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

AND he began again to teach by the sea-side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea, on the land. And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, 'Hearken: Behold, there went out a sower to sow. And it came to pass as he sowed, some fell by the way-side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: but when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up, and increased, and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some a hundred. And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear!

AND when he was alone, they that were about him, with the twelve, asked of him the parable. And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all *these* things are done in parables:

That seeing they may see, and not perceive;
And hearing they may hear, and not understand;
Lest at any time they should be converted,
And *their* sins should be forgiven them.

AND he said unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how then will ye know all parables? The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way-side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts. And these

are they likewise which are sown on stony ground ; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness ; and have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time : 17 afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. And these are they which 18 are sown among thorns ; such as hear the word, 'and the cares 19 of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things, entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground ; 20 such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirty-fold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

AND he said unto them, Is a candle brought to be put under 21 a bushel, or under a bed ? and not to be set on a candlestick ? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested ; neither 22 was any thing kept secret, but that it should come abroad. If 23 any man have ears to hear, let him hear !

AND he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear. With what 24 measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you : and unto you that hear, shall more be given. For he that hath, to him shall 25 be given : and he that hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he hath.

AND he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should 26 cast seed into the ground ; and should sleep, and rise night and 27 day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself ; first the 28 blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when 29 the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

AND he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God ? 30 or with what comparison shall we compare it ? *It is like a grain* 31 *of mustard-seed*, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth ; but when it is sown, it groweth 32 up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches ; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.

AND with many such parables spake he the word unto them, 33 as they were able to hear *it*. But without a parable spake he 34 not unto them : and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples.

AND the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto 35 them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they 36 had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. ' And 37 there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of 38 the ship, asleep on a pillow : and they awake him, and say unto him, Master ! carest thou not that we perish ? And he arose, and 39 rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace ! be still ! and the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto 40 them, Why are ye so fearful ? how is it that ye have no faith ? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What 41

manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

AND they came over unto the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gadarenes. And when he was come out of the ship, immediately there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 'who had *his* dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains: because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been plucked asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: neither could any *man* tame him. And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and cutting himself with stones. But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, 'and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not. (For he said unto him, Come out of the man, *thou* unclean spirit.) ' And he asked him, What *is* thy name? And he answered, saying, My name *is* Legion: for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand,) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told *it* in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they came to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw *it* told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and *also* concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee. And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him. And all *men* did marvel.

AND when Jesus was passed over again by ship unto the other side, much people gathered unto him: and he was nigh unto the sea. And behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw him, he fell at his feet, 'and besought him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: *I pray thee*, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed: and she shall live. And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him.

And a certain woman which had an issue of blood twelve years, 'and had suffered many things of many physicians, and

had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 'when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment: for she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in *her* body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman, fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

While he yet spake, there came from the ruler of the synagogue's house *certain* which said, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. 'And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha-cumi! (which is, being interpreted, 'Damsel,'—I say unto thee—'arise.') And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was *of the age* of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat.

AND he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the sabbath-day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing *him* were astonished, saying, From whence hath this *man* these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. 'But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed *them*. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages teaching.

AND he called *unto him* the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and gave them power over unclean spirits;

and commanded them that they should take nothing for *their* 8
journey, save a staff only; no scrip, no bread, no money in *their*
purse: but *be* shod with sandals; and not put on two coats. 9
And he said unto them, In what place soever ye enter into a 10
house, there abide till ye depart from that place. And whoso- 11
ever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence,
shake off the dust under your feet, for a testimony against them.
Verily, I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and
Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

AND they went out, and preached that men should repent. 12
And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that 13
were sick, and healed *them*.

AND king Herod heard of *him*. (for his name was spread 14
abroad,) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the
dead, and therefore mighty works do show forth themselves in
him. 'Others said, That it is Elias. And others said, That it 15
is a prophet, or as one of the prophets. But when Herod heard 16
thereof, he said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from
the dead.

FOR Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, 17
and bound him in prison for Herodias's sake, his brother Philip's
wife: for he had married her. For John had said unto Herod, 18
It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife. Therefore 19
Herodias had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him;
but she could not: for Herod feared John, knowing that he was 20
a just man and a holy; and observed him: and when he heard
him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. And when a 21
convenient day was come, that Herod on his birth-day made a
supper to his lords, high captains, and chief *estates* of Galilee;
and when the daughter of the said Herodias came in, and 22
danced, and pleased Herod, and them that sat with him, the
king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and
I will give *it* thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou 23
shalt ask of me, I will give *it* thee, unto the half of my kingdom.
And she went forth, and said unto her mother, What shall I 24
ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. 'And she 25
came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying,
I will that thou give me, by and by, in a charger, the head of
John the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; *yet*, for 26
his oath's sake, and for their sakes which sat with him, he would
not reject her. And immediately the king sent an executioner, 27
and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and be-
headed him in the prison; and brought his head in a charger, 28
and gave it to the damsel: and the damsel gave it to her mother.
And when his disciples heard of *it*, they came and took up his 29
corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

AND the Apostles gathered themselves together unto Jesus, 30
and told him all things, both what they had done, and what they
had taught. And he said unto them, Come ye yourselves apart 31
into a desert place, and rest a while: for there were many com-
ing and going, and they had no leisure so much as to eat. And 32

they departed into a desert place by ship privately. And the 33
people saw them departing, and many knew him, and ran afoot
thither out of all cities, and outwent them, and came together
unto him. And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, 34
and was moved with compassion toward them, because they
were as sheep not having a shepherd; and he began to teach
them many things.

AND when the day was now far spent, his disciples came 35
unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is
far passed: send them away, that they may go into the country 36
round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread:
for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, 37
Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and
buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?
He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. 38
And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. 'And he 39
commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the
green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by 40
fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves, and the two fishes, 41
he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and
gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes
divided he among them all. And they did all eat, and were 42
filled. And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, 43
and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves, were 44
about five thousand men.

AND straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the 45
ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he
sent away the people. And when he had sent them away, he 46
departed into a mountain to pray. And when even was come, 47
the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.
And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary 48
unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh
unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by
them. But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they sup- 49
posed it had been a spirit, and cried out. (For they all saw him, 50
and were troubled.) And immediately he talked with them,
and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.
And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: 51
and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and
wondered. For they considered not *the miracle* of the loaves; 52
for their heart was hardened.

AND when they had passed over, they came into the land of 53
Gennesaret, and drew to the shore. And when they were come 54
out of the ship, straightway they knew him, 'and ran through 55
that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds
those that were sick, where they heard he was. And whither- 56
soever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid
the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch
if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as
touched him, were made whole.

THEN came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of **7**
 the scribes which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw **2**
 some of his disciples eat bread with defiled (that is to say, with
 unwashen) hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all **3**
 the Jews, except they wash *their* hands oft, eat not, holding the
 tradition of the elders. And *when they come* from the market, **4**
 except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there
 be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups,
 and pots, and brazen vessels, and tables. Then the Pharisees **5**
 and scribes asked him, Why walk not thy disciples according to
 the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashen hands?
 He answered and said unto them, Well hath Esaias prophesied **6**
 of you hypocrites, as it is written,

This people honoreth me with *their* lips,
 But their heart is far from me.
 Howbeit, in vain do they worship me,
 Teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. **7**

For, laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition **8**
 of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such **9**
 like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject **9**
 the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition.
 For Moses said, "Honor thy father and thy mother;" **10**
 and, "Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die **11**
 the death:" but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or **11**
 mother, *It is Corban*, (that is to say, a gift,) by whatsoever thou
 mightest be profited by me; *he shall be free*. And ye suffer **12**
 him no more to do aught for his father or his mother; making **13**
 the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which
 ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

And when he had called all the people *unto him*, he said unto **14**
 them, Harken unto me every one *of you*, and understand.
 There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him, **15**
 can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those
 are they that defile the man. If any man have ears to hear, let **16**
 him hear! And when he was entered into the house from the **17**
 people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. And **18**
 he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do
 ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth
 into the man, *it cannot defile him*; because it entereth not into **19**
 his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught purg-
 ing all meats? And he said, That which cometh out of the man, **20**
 that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, **21**
 proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 'thefts, **22**
 covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye,
 blasphemy, pride, foolishness: all these evil things come from **23**
 within, and defile the man.

AND from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre **24**
 and Sidon, and entered into a house, and would have no man
 know *it*: but he could not be hid. For a *certain* woman, whose **25**
 young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came
 and fell at his feet: (the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician **26**

by nation,) and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter. But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast *it* unto the dogs. And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying, go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.

AND again departing from the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, he came unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the coasts of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue: and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha! (that is, Be opened.) And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published *it*; and were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well! he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak!

IN those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them, 'I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far. And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these *men* with bread here in the wilderness? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. 'And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before *them*; and they did set *them* before the people. And they had a few small fishes; and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before *them*. So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken *meat* that was left, seven baskets. And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away. And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

AND the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? Verily, I say unto you, There shall no sign be given to this generation. And he left them, and entering into the ship again, departed to the other side.

Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf. And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned among them-

selves, saying, *It is* because we have no bread. And when 17
 Jesus knew *it*, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye
 have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have
 ye your heart yet hardened? 'having eyes, see ye not? and 18
 having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? When I 19
 brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets
 full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.
 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets 20
 full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. 'And he 21
 said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

AND he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man 22
 unto him, and besought him to touch him. And he took the 23
 blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when
 he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked
 him if he saw aught. And he looked up, and said, I see men 24
 as trees walking. After that, he put *his* hands again upon his 25
 eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw
 every man clearly. And he sent him away to his house, saying, 26
 Neither go into the town, nor tell *it* to any in the town.

AND Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Ce- 27
 sarea Philippi; and by the way he asked his disciples, saying
 unto them, Who do men say that I am? And they answered, 28
 John the Baptist: but some *say*, Elias; and others, One of the
 prophets. And he saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? 29
 And Peter answereth, and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him. 30

AND he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer 31
 many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief
 priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
 'And he spake that saying openly. And Peter took him, and 32
 began to rebuke him. But when he had turned about, and 33
 looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee be-
 hind me, Satan: for thou savorest not the things that be of God,
 but the things that be of men. And when he had called the 34
 people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Who-
 soever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up
 his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life, shall 35
 lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the
 gospel's, the same shall save it. (For what shall it profit a man, 36
 if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or 37
 what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?) Whosoever 38
 therefore shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, in this
 adulterous and sinful generation, of him also shall the Son of
 man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father
 with the holy angels. And he said unto them, Verily, I say unto 9
 you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall
 not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come
 with power.

AND after six days, Jesus taketh *with him* Peter, and James, 2
 and John, and leadeth them up into a high mountain apart by
 themselves; and he was transfigured before them. And his 3

raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them. And there appeared unto them 4
 Elias, with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. And 5
 Peter answered and said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be
 here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one
 for Moses, and one for Elias. For he wist not what to say: for 6
 they were sore afraid. And there was a cloud that overshadowed 7
 them: and a voice came out of the cloud, saying,

'This is my beloved Son: hear him.'

And suddenly, when they had looked round about, they saw no 8
 man any more, save Jesus only, with themselves. And as they 9
 came down from the mountain, he charged them that they should
 tell no man what things they had seen, till the Son of man were
 risen from the dead. And they kept that saying with themselves, 10
 questioning one with another what the rising from the dead
 should mean. And they asked him, saying, Why say the scribes 11
 that Elias must first come? And he answered and told them, 12
 Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is
 written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and
 be set at nought. But I say unto you, That Elias is indeed come, 13
 and they have done unto him whatsoever they listed, as it is
 written of him.

AND when he came to *his* disciples, he saw a great multitude 14
 about them, and the scribes questioning with them. And straight- 15
 way all the people, when they beheld him, were greatly amazed,
 and running to *him*, saluted him. And he asked the scribes, 16
 What question ye with them? And one of the multitude an- 17
 swered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son,
 which hath a dumb spirit; and wheresoever he taketh him, he 18
 teareth him; and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and
 pineth away; and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast
 him out, and they could not. He answereth him, and saith, O 19
 faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long
 shall I suffer you? Bring him unto me. 'And they brought him 20
 unto him. And when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare
 him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed, foaming. And 21
 he asked his father, How long is it ago since this came unto him?
 And he said, Of a child; 'and oft-times it hath cast him into the 22
 fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do
 any thing, have compassion on us, and help us. Jesus said unto 23
 him, If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that
 believeth. And straightway the father of the child cried out, 24
 and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief!
 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he re- 25
 buked the foul spirit, saying unto him, *Thou* dumb and deaf
 spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into 26
 him. And *the spirit* cried, and rent him sore, and came out of
 him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is 27
 dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and 28
 he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples 29
 asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he

said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

AND they departed thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know *it*. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and after that he is killed, he shall rise the third day. But they understood not that saying, and were afraid to ask him.

AND he came to Capernaum: and being in the house, he asked them, What was it that ye disputed among yourselves by the way? But they held their peace; for by the way they had disputed among themselves, who *should be* the greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, *the same* shall be last of all, and servant of all. And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me. And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us; and we forbade him, because he followeth not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. For he that is not against us, is on our part. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, He shall not lose his reward. And whosoever shall offend one of *these* little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out: it is better for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than having two eyes, to be cast into hell-fire: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.

AND he arose from thence, and cometh into the coasts of Judea, by the farther side of Jordan: and the people resort unto him again; and, as he was wont, he taught them again.

AND the Pharisees came to him, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away *his* wife? tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put *her* away. And Jesus answered and said unto them,

For the hardness of your heart, he wrote you this precept, 'but 6
from the beginning of the creation, God made them male and
female. "For this cause shall a man leave his father 7
and mother, and cleave to his wife, 'and they 8
twain shall be one flesh:" so then they are no more twain,
but one flesh. What, therefore, God hath joined together, let 9
not man put asunder. And in the house his disciples asked him 10
again of the same *matter*. And he saith unto them, Whosoever 11
shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adul-
tery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, 12
and be married to another, she committeth adultery.

AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch 13
them; and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. But 14
when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them,
Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Who- 15
soever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he
shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put 16
his hands upon them, and blessed them.

AND when he was gone forth into the way, there came one 17
running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master,
what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said 18
unto him, Why callest thou me good? *there is* none good but
one, *that is*, God. Thou knowest the commandments, "Do not 19
commit adultery;" "Do not kill;" "Do not steal;"
"Do not bear false witness;" "Defraud not;"
"Honor thy father and mother." And he answered and 20
said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth.
Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One 21
thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and
give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and
come, take up the cross, and follow me. And he was sad at 22
that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.
And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How 23
hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of
God! 'And the disciples were astonished at his words. But 24
Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard
is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of
God? It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, 25
than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they 26
were astonished out of measure, saying, among themselves, Who
then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them, saith, With 27
men *it is* impossible, but not with God: for with God all things
are possible. Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have 28
left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, 29
Verily, I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or
brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or
lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, 'but he shall receive a hun- 30
dred-fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and
mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the

world to come eternal life. But many *that are* first shall be last; 31
and the last first.

AND they were in the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus 32
went before them: and they were amazed; and as they followed,
they were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to
tell them what things should happen unto him, *saying*, Behold, 33
we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered
unto the chief priests, and unto the scribes; and they shall
condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles;
and they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit 34
upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise
again.

AND James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, 35
saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatso-
ever we shall desire. And he said unto them, What would ye 36
that I should do for you? They said unto him, Grant unto us 37
that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy
left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not 38
what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be
baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they 39
said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall in-
deed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that
I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: but to sit on my 40
right hand and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but *it shall*
be given to them for whom it is prepared. And when the ten 41
heard *it*, they began to be much displeased with James and
John. But Jesus called them *to him*, and saith unto them, Ye 42
know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles,
exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise au-
thority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but who- 43
soever will be great among you, shall be your minister: and 44
whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.
For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to 45
minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

AND they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho 46
with his disciples, and a great number of people, blind Barti-
meus (the son of Timeus) sat by the high-way-side begging. And 47
when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry
out, and say, Jesus, *thou* son of David, have mercy on me. And 48
many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried
the more a great deal, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on me!
And Jesus stood still, and commanded him to be called: and 49
they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort,
rise; he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, rose, 50
and came to Jesus. And Jesus answered and said unto him, 51
What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said
unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. And Jesus said 52
unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And
immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.

AND when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage, 11
and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of

his disciples, 'and saith unto them, Go your way into the village 2
 over-against you : and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall
 find a colt tied, whereon never man sat : loose him, and bring 3
him. And if any man say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye
 that the Lord hath need of him ; and straightway he will send 4
 him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied
 by the door without, in a place where two ways met : and they 5
 loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them,
 What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even 6
 as Jesus had commanded : and they let them go. And they 7
 brought the colt to Jesus, and cast their garments on him ; and
 he sat upon him. And many spread their garments in the way : 8
 and others cut down branches off the trees, and strewed *them*
 in the way. And they that went before, and they that followed, 9
 cried, saying, Hosanna : Blessed *is* he that cometh in the name
 of the LORD : Blessed *be* the kingdom of our father David, that 10
 cometh in the name of the LORD : Hosanna in the highest!

AND Jesus entered into Jerusalem, and into the temple : and 11
 when he had looked round about upon all things, and now the
 even-tide was come, he went out unto Bethany, with the twelve.

AND on the morrow, when they were come from Bethany, he 12
 was hungry. And seeing a fig-tree afar off, having leaves, he 13
 came, if haply he might find any thing thereon ; and when he
 came to it, he found nothing but leaves : for the time of figs was
 not *yet*. And Jesus answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit 14
 of thee hereafter for ever ! And his disciples heard *it*.

AND they come to Jerusalem : and Jesus went into the temple, 15
 and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple,
 and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats
 of them that sold doves ; and would not suffer that any man 16
 should carry *any* vessel through the temple. And he taught, 17
 saying unto them, Is it not written,

My house shall be called, of all nations, the house of prayer ?
 But ye have made it a den of thieves.

And the scribes and chief priests heard *it*, and sought how they 18
 might destroy him : for they feared him, because all the people
 was astonished at his doctrine. And when even was come, he 19
 went out of the city.

AND in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig-tree 20
 dried up from the roots. And Peter, calling to remembrance, 21
 saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig-tree which thou cursedst
 is withered away. And Jesus answering, saith unto them, Have 22
 faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall 23
 say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into
 the sea ; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that
 those things which he saith shall come to pass ; he shall have
 whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things 24
 soever ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*,
 and ye shall have *them*. And when ye stand praying, forgive, 25
 if ye have aught against any ; that your Father also which is in
 heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But, if ye do not for- 26

give, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.

AND they came again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking 27
in the temple, there come to him the chief priests and the scribes,
and the elders, 'and say unto him, By what authority doest thou 28
these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?
And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of 29
you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what
authority I do these things. The baptism of John, was *it* from 30
heaven, or of men? answer me. And they reasoned with them- 31
selves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why
then did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, Of men; they 32
feared the people: for all *men* counted John, that he was a
prophet indeed. And they answered and said unto Jesus, We 33
cannot tell. And Jesus answering, saith unto them, Neither do
I tell you by what authority I do these things.

AND he began to speak unto them by parables: A *certain* 12
man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about *it*, and digged a
place for the wine-fat, and built a tower, and let it out to hus-
bandmen, and went into a far country. And at the season he 2
sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from
the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard. And they caught 3
him, and beat him, and sent *him* away empty. And again, he 4
sent unto them another servant: and at him they cast stones,
and wounded *him* in the head, and sent *him* away shamefully
handled. And again he sent another; and him they killed, and 5
many others; beating some, and killing some. Having yet 6
therefore one son, his well-beloved, he sent him also last unto
them, saying, They will reverence my son. But those husband- 7
men said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill
him, and the inheritance shall be ours. And they took him, and 8
killed *him*, and cast *him* out of the vineyard. What shall, there- 9
fore, the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy
the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And 10
have ye not read this scripture?

The stone which the builders rejected
Is become the head of the corner:
This was the LORD'S doing,
And it is marvellous in our eyes.

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AND they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people; 12
for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and
they left him, and went their way.

AND they send unto him certain of the Pharisees, and of the 13
Herodians, to catch him in *his* words. And when they were 14
come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true,
and carest for no man; for thou regardest not the person of men,
but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute
to Cesar, or not? 'Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, 15
knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me?
bring me a penny, that I may see *it*. 'And they brought *it*. And 16
he saith unto them, Whose *is* this image and superscription?
And they said unto him, Cesar's. 'And Jesus answering, said 17

unto them, Render to Cesar the things that are Cesar's, and to God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him.

THEN come unto him the Sadducees, which say there is no resurrection; and they asked him, saying, 'Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave *his* wife behind him, and leave no children, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now, there were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and dying left no seed. And the second took her, and died, neither left he any seed: and the third likewise. And the seven had her, and left no seed: last of all the woman died also. In the resurrection therefore, when they shall rise, whose wife shall she be of them? for the seven had her to wife. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Do ye not therefore err, because ye know not the scriptures, neither the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage: but are as the angels which are in heaven. And as touching the dead, that they rise; have ye not read in the book of Moses, how in the bush God spake unto him, saying; "*I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?*" He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living: ye therefore do greatly err.

AND one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, "Hear, O Israel; The LORD our God is one LORD: 'and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength;" this is the first commandment. And the second is like, *namely* this; "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself:" there is none other commandment greater than these. And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *his* neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

AND Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the son of David? For David himself said by the Holy Ghost,

The LORD said to my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

David therefore himself calleth him LORD, and whence is he then his son?

AND the common people heard him gladly. 'And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to

go in long clothing, and *love* salutations in the market-places, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms 39 at feasts: which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence 40 make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.

AND Jesus sat over-against the treasury, and beheld how the 41 people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she 42 threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called *unto* 43 *him* his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily, I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which 44 have cast into the treasury. For all *they* did cast in of their abundance: but she of her want did cast in all that she had, *even* all her living.

AND as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith 13 unto him, Master, see what manner of stones, and what buildings, *are here!* And Jesus answering, said unto him, Seest thou 2 these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, over-against the 3 temple, Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, asked him privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what *shall* 4 *be* the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled? And Jesus 5 answering them, began to say, Take heed lest any *man* deceive you, for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and 6 shall deceive many. And when ye shall hear of wars, and ru- 7 mors of wars, be ye not troubled: for *such things* must needs be; but the end *shall* not be yet. For nation shall rise against 8 nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in *divers* places, and there shall be famines, and troubles: these *are* the beginnings of sorrows. But take heed to yourselves: 9 for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. And the gos- 10 pel must first be published among all nations. But when they 11 shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate; but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost. Now, the brother shall betray 12 the brother to death, and the father the son: and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: 13 but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of 14 by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand) then let them that be in Judea flee to the mountains: and let him that is on the house-top not go down 15 into the house, neither enter *therein*, to take any thing out of his house: and let him that is in the field not turn back again for to 16 take up his garment. But woe to them that are with child, and 17 to them that give suck, in those days! And pray ye that your 18 flight be not in the winter. For *in* those days shall be affliction, 19

such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be. And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days. And then, if any man shall say to you, 'Lo, here is Christ!' or 'Lo, he is there!' believe him not. For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall show signs and wonders, to seduce, if *it were* possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.

But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds, with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven. Now learn a parable of the fig-tree: When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near: so ye, in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, *even* at the doors. Verily, I say unto you, That this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done. Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away. But of that day and *that* hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. *For the Son of man is* as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work; and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore; for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cock-crowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you, I say unto all, Watch.

AFTER two days was *the feast of* the passover, and of unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him by craft, and put *him* to death. But they said, Not on the feast-day, lest there be an uproar of the people.

AND being in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster-box of ointment of spikenard, very precious; and she brake the box, and poured *it* on his head. And there were some that had indignation within themselves, and said, Why was this waste of the ointment made? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred pence, and have been given to the poor. And they murmured against her. And Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always. She hath done what she could: she is come aforehand to anoint my body to the burying. Verily, I say unto you, Wheresoever this gospel

shall be preached throughout the whole world, *this* also that she hath done shall be spoken of, for a memorial of her.

AND Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve, went unto the chief 10 priests, to betray him unto them. And when they heard *it*, they 11 were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently betray him.

AND the first day of unleavened bread, when they killed the 12 passover, his disciples said unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and prepare, that thou mayest eat the passover? And he 13 sendeth forth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go ye into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him. And wheresoever he shall go in, say ye 14 to the good man of the house, The Master saith, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he will show you a large upper room furnished *and* pre- 15 pared: there make ready for us. And his disciples went forth, 16 and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

AND in the evening he cometh with the twelve. And as 17 they sat, and did eat, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me, shall betray me. And they began 19 to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, *Is it I?* and another said, *Is it I?* And he answered and said unto them, *It is* 20 one of the twelve that dippeth with me in the dish. The Son 21 of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born!

AND as they did eat, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake 22 *it*, and gave to them, and said, Take, eat: this is my body. And 23 he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave *it* to them: and they all drank of it. And he said unto them, This 24 is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. Verily, I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the 25 vine, until that day that I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

AND when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the 26 mount of Olives. And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be 27 offended because of me this night: for it is written,

I will smite the Shepherd,
And the sheep shall be scattered.

'But after that I am risen, I will go before you into Galilee. 'But 28 Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet *will* not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, That 30 this day, *even* in this night, before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. But he spake the more vehemently, If I 31 should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise. Likewise also said they all.

AND they came to a place which was named Gethsemane; 32 and he saith to his disciples, Sit ye here, while I shall pray. And 33 he taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; and saith unto them, My 34 soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and

watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, 35
and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from
him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto 36
thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I
will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh, and findeth them 37
sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest
not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter 38
into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.
And again he went away, and prayed, and spake the same words 39
And when he returned, he found them asleep again, (for their 40
eyes were heavy;) neither wist they what to answer him. And 41
he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now,
and take *your* rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the
Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise up, let 42
us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

AND immediately while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of 43
the twelve, and with him a great multitude with swords and
staves, from the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders.
And he that betrayed him, had given them a token, saying, 44
Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead
him away safely. And as soon as he was come, he goeth straight- 45
way to him, and saith, Master, Master; and kissed him. And 46
they laid their hands on him, and took him. And one of them 47
that stood by drew a sword, and smote a servant of the high
priest, and cut off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto 48
them, Are ye come out as against a thief, with swords and *with*
staves to take me? I was daily with you in the temple, teaching, 49
and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled. And 50
they all forsook him, and fled. And there followed him a cer- 51
tain young man, having a linen cloth cast about *his* naked *body*;
and the young men laid hold on him. And he left the linen 52
cloth, and fled from them naked.

AND they led Jesus away to the high priest: and with him 53
were assembled all the chief priests, and the elders, and the
scribes. And Peter followed him afar off, even into the palace 54
of the high priest: and he sat with the servants, and warmed
himself at the fire. And the chief priests, and all the council, 55
sought for witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found
none: for many bare false witness against him, but their witness 56
agreed not together. And there arose certain, and bare false 57
witness against him, saying, 'We heard him say, I will destroy 58
this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I
will build another made without hands. But neither so did 59
their witness agree together. And the high priest stood up in 60
the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing?
what *is it which* these witness against thee? But he held his 61
peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him,
and said unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?
And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting 62
on the right hand of power, and coming in the clouds of heaven.
Then the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What need we 63

any further witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think 64
ye? And they all condemned him to be guilty of death. 'And 65
some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet
him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the servants did strike
him with the palms of their hands.

AND as Peter was beneath in the palace, there cometh one of 66
the maids of the high priest: and when she saw Peter warming 67
himself, she looked upon him, and said, And thou also wast with
Jesus of Nazareth. But he denied, saying, I know not, neither 68
understand I what thou sayest. And he went out into the porch;
and the cock crew.

AND a maid saw him again, and began to say to them that 69
stood by, This is *one* of them. And he denied it again.

AND a litle after, they that stood by said again to Peter, Surely 70
thou art *one* of them: for thou art a Galilean, and thy speech
agreeth thereto. But he began to curse, and to swear, *saying*, I 71
know not this man of whom ye speak. And the second time 72
the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus
said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me
thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.

AND straightway in the morning the chief priests held a con-15
sultation with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, and
bound Jesus, and carried *him* away, and delivered *him* to Pilate.
'And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he 2
answering, said unto him, Thou sayest *it*. And the chief priests 3
accused him of many things: but he answered nothing. And 4
Pilate asked him again, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold
how many things they witness against thee. But Jesus yet 5
answered nothing; so that Pilate marvelled.

Now at *that* feast he released unto them one prisoner, whom- 6
soever they desired. And there was *one* named Barabbas, *which* 7
lay bound with them that had made insurrection with him, who
had committed murder in the insurrection. And the multitude 8
crying aloud, began to desire *him to do* as he had ever done
unto them. But Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I 9
release unto you the King of the Jews? (For he knew that the 10
chief priests had delivered him for envy.) But the chief priests 11
moved the people that he should rather release Barabbas unto
them. And Pilate answered, and said again unto them, What 12
will ye then that I shall do *unto him* whom ye call the King of
the Jews? 'And they cried out again, Crucify him. 'Then Pilate 13
said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried
out the more exceedingly, Crucify him! And *so* Pilate, willing 15
to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and deliver-
ed Jesus, when he had scourged *him*, to be crucified. And 16
the soldiers led him away into the hall, called Pretorium: and
they called together the whole band: and they clothed him with 17
purple, and platted a crown of thorns, and put it about his *head*,
'and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! 'And they 18
smote him on the head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and
bowing *their* knees, worshipped him. And when they had 20

mocked him, they took off the purple from him, and put his own clothes on him, and led him out to crucify him.

AND they compel one Simon, a Cyrenian, who passed by, 21 coming out of the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, 22 (which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull.) And they 23 gave him to drink, wine mingled with myrrh; but he received *it* not. And when they had crucified him, they parted his gar- 24 ments, casting lots upon them, what every man should take. 'And it was the third hour, and they crucified him. 'And the 25 superscription of his accusation was written over: 'THE KING OF THE JEWS.' And with him they crucify two thieves, the one 27 on his right hand, and the other on his left. And the scripture 28 was fulfilled, which saith,

And he was numbered with the transgressors.

AND they that passed by, railed on him, wagging their heads, 29 and saying, Ah, thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest *it* in three days, 'save thyself, and come down from the cross. 30 Likewise also the chief priests, mocking, said among themselves 31 with the scribes, He saved others; himself he cannot save! Let 32 Christ the King of Israel descend now from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him, reviled him. And when the sixth hour was come, there was 33 darkness over the whole land, until the ninth hour. And at the 34 ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying,

Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani!

(which is, being interpreted, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?") And some of them that stood by, when 35 they heard *it*, said, Behold, he calleth Elias. And one ran and 36 filled a sponge full of vinegar, and put *it* on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let alone; let us see whether Elias will come to take him down.

AND Jesus cried with a loud voice, and gave up the ghost. 37 And the vail of the temple was rent in twain, from the top to 38 the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood over-against 39 him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God! There were also women 40 looking on afar off, among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the less, and of Joses, and Salome; who also, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered 41 unto him; and many other women which came up with him unto Jerusalem.

AND now, when the even was come, (because it was the pre- 42 paration, that is, the day before the sabbath,) Joseph of Arima- 43 thea, an honorable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvelled if he were already 44 dead: and calling unto him the centurion, he asked him whether he had been any while dead. And when he knew *it* of the 45 centurion, he gave the body to Joseph. And he bought fine 46 linen, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen, and

laid him in a sepulchre which was hewn out of a rock, and rolled a stone unto the door of the sepulchre. And Mary Mag- 47
dalene and Mary the mother of Joses beheld where he was laid.

AND when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary 16
the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morn- 2
ing, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre, at the rising of the sun: and they said among themselves, Who 3
shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre? (and when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled 4
away,) for it was very great. And entering into the sepulchre, 5
they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a long white garment; and they were affrighted. And he saith 6
unto them, Be not affrighted: ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place 7
where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter, that he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see 8
him, as he said unto you. And they went out quickly, and fled from the sepulchre; for they trembled, and were amazed: neither said they any thing to any man; for they were afraid.

Now, when Jesus was risen early, the first day of the week, 9
he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had cast seven devils. And she went and told them that had been with 10
him, as they mourned and wept. And they, when they had 11
heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, believed not.

AFTER that he appeared in another form unto two of them, as 12
they walked, and went into the country. And they went and 13
told it unto the residue: neither believed they them.

AFTERWARD he appeared unto the eleven, as they sat at meat, 14
and upbraided them with their unbelief, and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen.

AND he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach 15
the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized, 16
shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned. And 17
these signs shall follow them that believe: In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they 18
shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. So then, after the Lord had spoken unto them, 19
he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord 20
working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
LUKE.

FORASMUCH as many have taken in hand to set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us, even as they delivered them unto us, which from the beginning were eye-witnesses, and ministers of the word; it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, that thou mightest know the certainty of those things wherein thou hast been instructed.

THERE was, in the days of Herod the king of Judea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia; and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elisabeth. And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the LORD blameless. And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren; and they both were *now* well stricken in years. And it came to pass, that, while he executed the priest's office before God in the order of his course, 'according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to burn incense when he went into the temple of the LORD. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without, at the time of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the LORD, standing on the right side of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw *him*, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the LORD, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the LORD their God. And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the LORD. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. And the angel answering, said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to show thee these glad tidings. And behold, thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. And the people waited for Zacharias, and marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple; for he beckoned unto them, and remained speechless. And it came to pass, that as soon as the days of his ministration were accomplished, he departed to his own house. And after those days

his wife Elisabeth conceived, and hid herself five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord dealt with me in the days wherein he looked on *me*, to take away my reproach among men. 25

AND in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 'to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name *was* Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail! *thou that art* highly favored, the LORD *is* with thee: blessed *art* thou among women. And when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the LORD God shall give unto him the throne of his father David. And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered, and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee, shall be called the Son of God. And behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren; for with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the LORD; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38

AND Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill-country with haste, into a city of Juda, 'and entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, that when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb: and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost. And she spake out with a loud voice, and said, Blessed *art* thou among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of thy womb. And whence *is* this to me, that the mother of my LORD should come to me? For lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. And blessed *is* she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the LORD. And Mary said, 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46

My soul doth magnify the LORD,
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. 47
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: 48
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; 49
And holy *is* his name.
And his mercy *is* on them that fear him,
From generation to generation. 50
He hath shewed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 51
He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats,
And exalted them of low degree. 52
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he hath sent empty away. 53
He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy,
(As he spake to our fathers,) to Abraham, and to his seed, for ever. 54 55

And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned 56
to her own house.

NOW Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered ; 57
and she brought forth a son. And her neighbors and her cousins 58
heard how the LORD had showed great mercy upon her ; and
they rejoiced with her.

AND it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to cir- 59
cumcise the child ; and they called him Zacharias, after the
name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so ; 60
but he shall be called John. And they said unto her. There is 61
none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made 62
signs to his father, how he would have him called. And he 63
asked for a writing-table, and wrote, saying, His name is John.
And they marvelled all. ' And his mouth was opened imme- 64
diately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.
And fear came on all that dwelt round about them : and all these 65
sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill-country of
Judea. And all they that heard *them*, laid *them* up in their hearts, 66
saying, What manner of child shall this be ! And the hand of
the LORD was with him.

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and 67
prophesied, saying,

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel ;	68
For he hath visited and redeemed his people,	
And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us,	69
In the house of his servant David :	
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets,	70
Which have been since the world began :	
That we should be saved from our enemies,	71
And from the hand of all that hate us :	
To perform the mercy <i>promised</i> to our fathers,	72
And to remember his holy covenant ;	
(The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,) 73	
That he would grant unto us,	74
That we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies,	
Might serve him without fear,	
In holiness and righteousness before him,	75
All the days of our life.	
And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest,	76
For thou shalt go before the face of the LORD to prepare his ways ;	
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people,	77
By the remission of their sins,	
Through the tender mercy of our God ;	78
Whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,	
To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death ;	79
To guide our feet into the way of peace.	

AND the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in 80
the deserts till the day of his showing unto Israel.

AND it came to pass in those days, that there went out a de- 2
cree from Cesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. 2
(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of 3
Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. 3
And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Naza- 4
reth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethle-
hem, (because he was of the house and lineage of David,) ' to 5
be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
And so it was, that while they were there, the days were ac- 6
complished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth 7

her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling-clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

AND there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the LORD came upon them, and the glory of the LORD shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the LORD. And this *shall be* a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace, good will toward men.

AND it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the LORD hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen *it*, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard *it*, wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered *them* in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

AND when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

AND when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present *him* to the LORD, (as it is written in the law of the LORD, "Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the LORD;") and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the LORD, "A pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons." And behold there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name *was* Simeon; and the same man *was* just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the LORD'S CHRIST. And he came by the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law, ¹ then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said,

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
According to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles,
And the glory of thy people Israel.

AND Joseph and his mother marvelled at those things which 33
 were spoken of him. And Simeon blessed them, and said unto 34
 Mary his mother, Behold, this *child* is set for the fall and rising
 again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken
 against; (yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also;) 35
 that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed. And there 36
 was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the
 tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an
 husband seven years from her virginity; and she *was* a widow 37
 of about fourscore and four years; which departed not from the
 temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day.
 And she coming in that instant, gave thanks likewise unto the 38
 LORD, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption
 in Jerusalem.

AND when they had performed all things according to the 39
 law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city
 Nazareth. And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled 40
 with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him.

Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of 41
 the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went 42
 up to Jerusalem, after the custom of the feast. And when they 43
 had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried
 behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of *it*.
 But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a 44
 day's journey; and they sought him among *their* kinsfolk and
 acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back 45
 again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that 46
 after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the
 midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them ques-
 tions. And all that heard him were astonished at his under- 47
 standing and answers. And when they saw him, they were 48
 amazed; and his mother said unto him, Son, why hast thou thus
 dealt with us? behold, thy father and I have sought thee sorrow-
 ing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist 49
 ye not that I must be about my Father's business? And they 50
 understood not the saying which he spake unto them. And he 51
 went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject
 unto them: but his mother kept all these sayings in her heart.

AND Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with 52
 God and man.

NOW in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Cesar, 3
 Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch
 of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and of the
 region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias the tetrarch of Abilene,
 'Annas and Caiaphas being the high priests, the word of God 2
 came unto John the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. And 3
 he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the bap-
 tism of repentance, for the remission of sins; as it is written in 4
 the book of the words of Esaias the prophet, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
 Prepare ye the way of the LORD,

Make his paths straight,
 Every valley shall be filled,
 And every mountain and hill shall be brought low ;
 And the crooked shall be made straight,
 And the rough ways *shall be made smooth* ;
 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers! who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And now also the ax is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit, is hewn down and cast into the fire. And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages.

And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not, 'John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire; whose fan *is* in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable. And many other things in his exhortation preached he unto the people.

BUT Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 'added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

Now, when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said,

'Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.'

AND Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was *the son* of Heli, 'which was *the son* of Matthat, which was *the son* of Levi, which was *the son* of Melchi, which was *the son* of Janna, which was *the son* of Joseph, 'which was *the son* of Mattathias, which was *the son* of Amos, which was *the son* of Naum, which was *the son* of Esli, which was *the son* of Nagge, 'which was *the son* of Maath, which was *the son* of Mattathias, which was *the son* of Semei, which was *the son* of Joseph, which was *the son* of Juda, 'which was *the son* of Joanna, which was *the son*

of Rhesa, which was the son of Zorobabel, which was the son of Salathiel, which was the son of Neri, 'which was the son of 28 Melchi, which was the son of Addi, which was the son of Cosam, which was the son of Elmodam, which was the son of Er, 'which 29 was the son of Jose, which was the son of Eliezer, which was the son of Jorim, which was the son of Matthat, which was the son of Levi, 'which was the son of Simeon, which was the son 30 of Juda, which was the son of Joseph, which was the son of Jonan, which was the son of Eliakim, 'which was the son of 31 Melea, which was the son of Menan, which was the son of Mat-tatha, which was the son of Nathan, which was the son of Da-vid, 'which was the son of Jesse, which was the son of Obed, 32 which was the son of Booz, which was the son of Salmon, which was the son of Naasson, 'which was the son of Aminadab, which 33 was the son of Aram, which was the son of Esrom, which was the son of Phares, which was the son of Juda, 'which was the son 34 of Jacob, which was the son of Isaac, which was the son of Abra-ham, which was the son of Thara, which was the son of Nachor, 'which was the son of Saruch, which was the son of Ragau, 35 which was the son of Phalec, which was the son of Heber, which was the son of Sala, 'which was the son of Canan, which was 36 the son of Arphaxad, which was the son of Sem, which was the son of Noe, which was the son of Lamech, 'which was the son 37 of Mathusala, which was the son of Enoch, which was the son of Jared, which was the son of Maleleel, which was the son of Cainan, 'which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, 38 which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.

AND Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost, returned from Jor- 4 dan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 'being forty 2 days tempted of the Devil. And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, he afterward hungered.

AND the Devil said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, com- 3 mand this stone that it be made bread. And Jesus answered 4 him, saying, It is written, "That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God."

AND the Devil, taking him up into a high mountain, showed 5 unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the Devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, 6 and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me, and to whomsoever I will, I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship 7 me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, 8 Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written; "Thou shalt worship the LORD thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

AND he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle 9 of the temple, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence; for it is written, 10

He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee;
And in *their* hands they shall bear thee up,
Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

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And Jesus answering, said unto him, It is said, "Thou shalt 12

not tempt the LORD thy God." And when the Devil 13
had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season.

AND Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: 14
and there went out a fame of him through all the region round
about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all. 15

AND he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: 16
and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sab-
bath-day, and stood up for to read. And there was delivered unto 17
him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened
the book, he found the place where it was written,

The Spirit of the LORD is upon me,
Because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor;
He hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted,
To preach deliverance to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
To preach the acceptable year of the LORD. 18 19

And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, 20
and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the syna-
gogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, 21
This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears. And all bare 22
him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which pro-
ceeded out of his mouth. And they said, Is not this Joseph's
son? And he said unto them, Ye will surely say unto me this 23
proverb, 'Physician, heal thyself:—whatsoever we have heard
done in Capernaum, do also here in thy country.' And he said, 24
Verily, I say unto you, No prophet is accepted in his own coun-
try. But I tell you of a truth, many widows were in Israel in 25
the days of Elias, when the heaven was shut up three years
and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land;
but unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city 26
of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow. And many lepers 27
were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of
them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian. And all they 28
in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with
wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him 29
unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that
they might cast him down headlong. But he, passing through 30
the midst of them, went his way,

AND came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and taught 31
them on the sabbath-days. And they were astonished at his 32
doctrine: for his word was with power. And in the synagogue 33
there was a man which had a spirit of an unclean devil; and
he cried out with a loud voice, saying, Let us alone; what have 34
we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to
destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God!
And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out 35
of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he
came out of him, and hurt him not. And they were all amazed, 36
and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for
with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits,

and they come out. And the fame of him went out into every 37
place of the country round about.

AND he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's 38
house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great
fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, 39
and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she
arose, and ministered unto them.

Now, when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick 40
with divers diseases, brought them unto him: and he laid his
hands on every one of them, and healed them. And devils also 41
came out of many, crying out, and saying, Thou art Christ, the
Son of God. And he, rebuking *them*, suffered them not to speak:
for they knew that he was Christ. And when it was day, he 42
departed, and went into a desert place; and the people sought
him, and came unto him, and stayed him, that he should not de-
part from them. And he said unto them, I must preach the king- 43
dom of God to other cities also, for therefore am I sent. And he 44
preached in the synagogues of Galilee.

AND it came to pass, that as the people pressed upon him to 5
hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 'and 2
saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were
gone out of them, and were washing *their* nets. And he en- 3
tered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him
that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat
down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now, when he 4
had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep,
and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering, 5
said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have
taken nothing; nevertheless, at thy word I will let down the 6
net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great mul- 7
titude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto
their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should
come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships,
so that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw *it*, he fell 8
down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful
man, O Lord. For he was astonished, and all that were with 9
him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: and so 10
was also James and John the sons of Zebedee, which were part-
ners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not: from
henceforth thou shalt catch men. And when they had brought 11
their ships to land, they forsook all, and followed him.

AND it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold, 12
a man full of leprosy; who seeing Jesus, fell on *his* face, and
besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me
clean. And he put forth *his* hand and touched him, saying, I 13
will: be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed
from him. And he charged him to tell no man: but go, and 14
show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according
as Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them.

BUT so much the more went there a fame abroad of him: and 15
great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by him

of their infirmities. And he withdrew himself into the wilder- 16
ness, and prayed.

AND it came to pass on a certain day, as he was teaching, 17
that there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by,
which were come out of every town of Galilee, and Judea, and
Jerusalem: and the power of the LORD was *present* to heal
them. And behold, men brought in a bed a man which was 18
taken with a palsy: and they sought *means* to bring him in, and
to lay *him* before him. And when they could not find by what 19
way they might bring him in, because of the multitude, they
went upon the house-top, and let him down through the tiling
with *his* couch, into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw 20
their faith, he said unto him, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee.
And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who 21
is this which speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but
God alone? But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, he an- 22
swering, said unto them, What reason ye in your hearts? Whether 23
is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Rise up
and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath 24
power upon earth to forgive sins, (he said unto the sick of the
palsy,) I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch, and go
unto thy house. And immediately he arose up before them, 25
and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house,
glorifying God. And they were all amazed, and they glorified 26
God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange
things to-day!

AND after these things he went forth, and saw a publican 27
named Levi, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he said unto
him, Follow me. And he left all, rose up, and followed him. 28
And Levi made him a great feast in his own house; and there 29
was a great company of publicans, and of others that sat down
with them. But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against 30
his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans
and sinners? And Jesus answering, said unto them, They that 31
are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick. I came 32
not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

AND they said unto him, Why do the disciples of John fast 33
often, and make prayers, and likewise *the disciples* of the Phari-
sees; but thine eat and drink? And he said unto them, Can ye 34
make the children of the bride-chamber fast while the bride-
groom is with them? But the days will come, when the bride- 35
groom shall be taken away from them, and then shall they fast
in those days. And he spake also a parable unto them: No man 36
putteth a piece of a new garment upon an old: if otherwise,
then both the new maketh a rent, and the piece that was *taken*
out of the new, agreeth not with the old. And no man putteth 37
new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the
bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But new 38
wine must be put into new bottles, and both are preserved. No 39
man also, having drunk old *wine*, straightway desireth new: for
he saith, The old is better.

AND it came to pass on the second sabbath after the first, that he went through the corn-fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing *them in their hands*. And certain of the Pharisees said unto them, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath-days? And Jesus answering them, said, Have ye not read so much as this, what David did, when himself was an hungered, and they which were with him; how he went into the house of God, and did take and eat the show-bread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat but for the priests alone? And he said unto them, That the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

AND it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue, and taught; and there was a man whose right hand was withered: and the scribes and Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath-day; that they might find an accusation against him. But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose, and stood forth. 'Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing; Is it lawful on the sabbath-days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy *it*? And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other. And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

AND it came to pass in those days, that he went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God. And when it was day, he called *unto him* his disciples: and of them he chose twelve, whom also he named Apostles; Simon (whom he also named Peter) and Andrew his brother, James and John, Philip and Bartholomew, 'Matthew and Thomas, James *the son of Alpheus*, and Simon called Zelotes, 'and Judas *the brother of James*, and Judas Iscariot, which also was the traitor. And he came down with them, and stood in the plain; and the company of his disciples, and a great multitude of people out of all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the sea-coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; and they that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed. And the whole multitude sought to touch him, for there went virtue out of him, and healed *them* all.

AND he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed *be ye poor*: for your's is the kingdom of God. Blessed *are ye* that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed *are ye* that weep now: for ye shall laugh. Blessed *are ye* when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you *from their company*, and shall reproach *you*, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy; for behold, your reward *is* great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation. Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh

now! for ye shall mourn and weep. Woe unto you when all
men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false
prophets. But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies,
do good to them which hate you, 'bless them that curse you,
and pray for them which despitefully use you. And unto him
that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek, offer also the other; and him
that taketh away thy cloak, forbid not to *take thy* coat also. Give
to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away
thy goods, ask *them* not again. And as ye would that men should
do to you, do ye also to them likewise. For if ye love them
which love you, what thank have ye? for sinners also love those
that love them. And if ye do good to them which do good to
you, what thank have ye? for sinners also do even the same.
And if ye lend to *them* of whom ye hope to receive, what thank
have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much
again. But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping
for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall
be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthank-
ful and to the evil. Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father
also is merciful. Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: con-
demn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall
be forgiven: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure,
pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men
give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete
withal, it shall be measured to you again. And he spake a
parable unto them; Can the blind lead the blind? shall they
not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his mas-
ter: but every one that is perfect, shall be as his master. And
why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but
perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Either how
canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote
that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam
that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the
beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to
pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye. For a good tree
bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree
bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit:
for of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble-bush
gather they grapes. A good man, out of the good treasure of
his heart, bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man,
out of the evil treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which
is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.
And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I
say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and
doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like. He is like a
man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the founda-
tion on a rock; and when the flood arose, the stream beat ve-
hemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was
founded upon a rock. But he that heareth and doeth not, is
like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the

earth, against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.

NOW, when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum. And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear unto him, was sick, and ready to die. And when he heard of Jesus, he sent unto him the elders of the Jews, beseeching him that he would come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they besought him instantly, saying, That he was worthy for whom he should do this: for he loveth our nation, and he hath built us a synagogue. Then Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not worthy that thou shouldest enter under my roof; wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.

AND it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain: and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now, when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise! And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak: and he delivered him to his mother. And there came a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us: and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumor of him went forth throughout all Judea, and throughout all the region round about.

AND the disciples of John showed him of all these things. And John, calling unto him two of his disciples, sent them to Jesus, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? When the men were come unto him, they said, John Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that should come? or look we for another? And in that same hour he cured many of their infirmities, and plagues, and of evil spirits; and unto many that were blind he gave sight. Then Jesus answering, said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, to the poor the gospel is preached. And blessed is he, whosoever shall not be offended in me. And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning

John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind? ' But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts. But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is *he*, of whom it is written,

Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Which shall prepare thy way before thee.

For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women, there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God, is greater than he. (And all the people that heard *him*, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him) And the Lord said, Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation? and to what are they like? They are like unto children sitting in the market-place, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept. For John the Baptist came neither eating bread, nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! But Wisdom is justified of all her children.

AND one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee's house, and sat down to meat. And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that *Jesus* sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster-box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind *him* weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe *them* with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed *them* with the ointment. Now, when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw *it*, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman *this is* that toucheth him: for she is a sinner. And Jesus answering, said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on. There was a certain creditor, which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty. And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me, therefore, which of them will love him most? Simon answered and said, I suppose that *he* to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss; but this woman, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore, I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to

whom little is forgiven, *the same* loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that sat at meat with him, began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also? And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee: go in peace.

AND it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve *were* with him, 'and certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils, 'and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.

AND when much people were gathered together, and were come to him out of every city, he spake by a parable: A sower went out to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way-side; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprang up with it, and choked it. And other fell on good ground, and sprang up, and bare fruit a hundred-fold. And when he had said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

AND his disciples asked him, saying, What might this parable be? And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables; that seeing they might not see, and hearing they might not understand.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God: those by the way-side, are they that hear; then cometh the Devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away. And that which fell among thorns, are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares, and riches, and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit to perfection. But that on the good ground *are they*, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep *it*, and bring forth fruit with patience.

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth *it* under a bed; but setteth *it* on a candlestick, that they which enter in may see the light. For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither *any thing* hid, that shall not be known, and come abroad. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

THEN came to him *his* mother and his brethren, and could not come at him for the press. And it was told him *by certain*, which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. And he answered and said unto them, My mother

and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

NOW it came to pass on a certain day, that he went into a ship with his disciples: and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake. And they launched forth. 'But as they sailed, he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled *with water*, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish! Then he arose, and rebuked the wind, and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. 'And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And they, being afraid, wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him.

AND they arrived at the country of the Gadarenes, which is over-against Galilee. And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in *any* house, but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, *thou* Son of God most high? I beseech thee, torment me not. (For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains, and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the Devil into the wilderness.) And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him. And they besought him, that he would not command them to go out into the deep. And there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they besought him that he would suffer them to enter into them. And he suffered them. 'Then went the devils out of the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake, and were choked. When they that fed *them* saw what was done, they fled, and went and told *it* in the city and in the country. Then they went out to see what was done: and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. They also which saw *it*, told them by what means he that was possessed of the devils was healed. Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about, besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear. And he went up into the ship, and returned back again. Now, the man out of whom the devils were departed, besought him that he might be with him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city, how great things Jesus had done unto him.

AND it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people *gladly* received him: for they were all waiting for him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a

ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: for he had 42 one only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying.

But as he went, the people thronged him. 'And a woman 43 having an issue of blood twelve years, which had spent all her living upon physicians, neither could be healed of any, 'came 44 behind *him*, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately her issue of blood stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who 45 touch'd me? When all denied, Peter, and they that were with him, said, Master, the multitude throng thee, and press *thee*, and sayest thou, Who touch'd me? And Jesus said, Somebody hath 46 touch'd me: for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me. And 47 when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him, she declared unto him before all the people for what cause she had touch'd him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, be 48 of good comfort: thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the 49 synagogue's house, saying to him, 'Thy daughter is dead: trouble not the Master. But when Jesus heard *it*, he answered him, 50 saying, Fear not: believe only, and she shall be made whole. And when he came into the house, he suffered no man to go in, 51 save Peter, and James, and John, and the father and the mother of the maiden. And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, 52 Weep not: she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laugh'd 53 him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. And he put them 54 all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise! And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: 55 and he commanded to give her meat. And her parents were 56 astonished: but he charg'd them that they should tell no man what was done.

THEN he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them 9 power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. And 2 he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick. And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, 3 neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece. And whatsoever house ye enter into, 4 there abide, and thence depart. And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust 5 from your feet for a testimony against them. And they departed, 6 and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

NOW Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by him: 7 and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; and of some, that Elias had appeared; 8 and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. And 9 Herod said, John have I beheaded; but who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see him.

AND the Apostles, when they were returned, told him all 10 that they had done. And he took them, and went aside privately

into a desert place, belonging to the city called Bethsaida. And 11
the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received
them; and spake unto them of the kingdom of God, and healed
them that had need of healing.

AND when the day began to wear away, then came the 12
twelve, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they
may go into the towns and country round about, and lodge, and
get victuals: for we are here in a desert place. But he said 13
unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no
more but five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and
buy meat for all this people. (For they were about five thousand 14
men.) And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by
fifties in a company. And they did so, and made them all sit 15
down. Then he took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and 16
looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to
the disciples to set before the multitude. And they did eat, and 17
were all filled; and there was taken up of fragments that re-
mained to them twelve baskets.

AND it came to pass, as he was alone praying, his disciples 18
were with him; and he asked them, saying, Who say the people
that I am? They answering, said, John the Baptist; but some 19
say, Elias; and others say, That one of the old prophets is risen
again. 'He said unto them, But who say ye that I am? Peter 20
answering, said, The Christ of God.

AND he straitly charged them, and commanded *them* to tell no 21
man that thing, 'saying, The Son of man must suffer many 22
things, and be rejected of the elders, and chief priests, and
scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day. And he said 23
to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will 24
save his life, shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for
my sake, the same shall save it. (For what is a man advantaged, 25
if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?)
For whosoever shall be ashamed of me, and of my words, of 26
him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in
his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels. But 27
I tell you of a truth, there be some standing here which shall
not taste of death till they see the kingdom of God.

AND it came to pass, about an eight days after these sayings, 28
he took Peter, and John, and James, and went up into a moun-
tain to pray. And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance 29
was altered, and his raiment *was* white and glistening. And, 30
behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and
Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which 31
he should accomplish at Jerusalem. But Peter and they that 32
were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were
awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with
him. And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter 33
said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us
make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and
one for Elias: not knowing what he said. While he thus spake, 34

there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. And there came a voice out of 35 the cloud, saying,

'This is my beloved Son: hear him.'

'And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And 36 they kept *it* close, and told no man in those days any of those things which they had seen.

AND it came to pass, that on the next day, when they were 37 come down from the hill, much people met him. And behold, 38 a man of the company cried out, saying, Master, I beseech thee look upon my son: for he is mine only child. And lo, a spirit 39 taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it teareth him that he foameth again, and bruising him, hardly departeth from him. And I besought thy disciples to cast him out, and they could 40 not. And Jesus answering, said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and suffer you? Bring thy 41 son hither. And as he was yet a coming, the devil threw him 42 down, and tare *him*. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and delivered him again to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. 43

BUT while they wondered every one at all things which Jesus did, he said unto his disciples, Let these sayings sink down into 44 your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men. But they understood not this saying, and it was hid 45 from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask him of that saying.

THEN there arose a reasoning among them, which of them 46 should be greatest. And Jesus perceiving the thought of their 47 heart, took a child, and set him by him, 'and said unto them, 48 Whosoever shall receive this child in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great. And 49 John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid *him* not: for he that 50 is not against us, is for us.

AND it came to pass, when the time was come that he should 51 be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 'and sent messengers before his face: and they went and entered 52 into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though 53 he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and 54 John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not 55 what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come 56 to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

AND it came to pass, that as they went in the way, a certain 57 *man* said unto him, Lord, I will follow thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds 58

of the air *have* nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head.

AND he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, 59
suffer me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, 60
Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God.

AND another also said, Lord, I will follow thee; but let me 61
first go bid them farewell which are at home at my house. And 62
Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

AFTER these things, the Lord appointed other seventy also. 10
and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come. Therefore said he unto 2
them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you 3
forth as lambs among wolves. Carry neither purse, nor scrip, nor shoes: and salute no man by the way. And into whatsoever house ye enter, first say, Peace be to this house. And if 5
the son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon it: if not, it shall turn to you again. And in the same house remain, eating 6
and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever 8
city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you. And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto 9
them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into 10
whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, Even the very 11
dust of your city which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding, be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But I say unto you, That it shall 12
be more tolerable in that day for Sodom than for that city. Woe 13
unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which have been done in you, they had a great while ago repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon 14
at the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum! which 15
art exalted to heaven, shalt be thrust down to hell. He that 16
heareth you, heareth me; and he that despiseth you, despiseth me; and he that despiseth me, despiseth him that sent me.

AND the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even 17
the devils are subject unto us through thy name. And he said 18
unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, 19
I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the 20
spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven. In that hour Jesus rejoiced in 21
spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes: even so, Father; for so it

seemed good in thy sight. All things are delivered to me of my 22
Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father:
and who the Father is, but the Son, and *he* to whom the Son will
reveal *him*. And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said 23
privately. Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see.
For I tell you, That many prophets and kings have desired to 24
see those things which ye see, and have not seen *them*; and to
hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard *them*.

AND behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, 25
saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? He said 26
unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? And 27
he answering, said, "Thou shalt love the LORD thy God with
all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength,
and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." And he 28
said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt
live. But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And 29
who is my neighbor? And Jesus answering, said, A certain 30
man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among
thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded *him*,
and departed, leaving *him* half dead. And by chance there 31
came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him,
he passed by on the other side. And likewise a Levite, when 32
he was at the place, came and looked on *him*, and passed by on
the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came 33
where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion on
him; 'and went to *him*, and bound up his wounds, pouring in 34
oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to
an inn, and took care of him. And on the morrow, when he 35
departed, he took out two pence, and gave *them* to the host, and
said unto him, Take care of him: and whatsoever thou spendest
more, when I come again, I will repay thee. Which now of 36
these three, thinkest thou, was neighbor unto him that fell among
the thieves? 'And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then 37
said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

NOW it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a 38
certain village: and a certain woman, named Martha, received
him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which 39
also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. But Martha was 40
cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord,
dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?
bid her therefore that she help me. And Jesus answered, and 41
said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful, and troubled
about many things; 'but one thing is needful; and Mary hath 42
chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

AND it came to pass, that as he was praying in a certain 11
place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord,
teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said 2
unto them, When ye pray, say; Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name: thy kingdom come: thy will be done,
as in heaven, so in earth; give us day by day our daily bread: 3
and forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is 4

indebted to us: and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

And he said unto them: Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves: for a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh, receiveth; and he that seeketh, findeth; and to him that knocketh, it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or, if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

AND he was casting out a devil, and it was dumb. And it came to pass, when the devil was gone out, the dumb spake; and the people wondered. But some of them said, He casteth out devils through Beelzebub, the chief of the devils. And others, tempting him, sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house, falleth. If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me, is against me: and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest: and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. But he said, Yea, rather blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there

shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet. For 30
as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of
man be to this generation. The queen of the south shall rise 31
up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and condemn
them: for she came from the utmost parts of the earth to hear
the wisdom of Solomon: and behold, a greater than Solomon *is*
here. The men of Nineveh shall rise up in the judgment with 32
this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the
preaching of Jonas: and behold, a greater than Jonas *is* here.

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth *it* in a secret 33
place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they
which come in may see the light. The light of the body is the 34
eye; therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is
full of light: but when *thine eye* is evil, thy body also *is* full of
darkness. Take heed therefore, that the light which is in thee, 35
be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore *be* full of light, 36
having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light; as when
the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

AND as he spake, a certain Pharisee besought him to dine 37
with him: and he went in and sat down to meat. And when 38
the Pharisee saw *it*, he marvelled that he had not first washed
before dinner. And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Phari- 39
sees make clean the outside of the cup and the platter; but your
inward part is full of ravening and wickedness. Ye fools! did 40
not he that made that which is without, make that which is within
also? But rather give alms of such things as ye have; and be- 41
hold, all things are clean unto you. But woe unto you, Phari- 42
sees! for ye tithe the mint, and rue, and all manner of herbs, and
pass over judgment and the love of God: these ought ye to
have done, and not to leave the other undone. Woe unto you, 43
Pharisees! for ye love the uppermost seats in the synagogues,
and greetings in the markets. Woe unto you, scribes and Phari- 44
sees, hypocrites! for ye are as graves which appear not, and the
men that walk over *them* are not aware of *them*. Then answered 45
one of the lawyers, and said unto him, Master, thus saying, thou
reproachest us also. And he said, Woe unto you also, *ye* law- 46
yers! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye
yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe 47
unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your
fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness, that ye allow the 48
deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build
their sepulchres. Therefore also said the wisdom of God, 'I 49
will send them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they
shall slay and persecute: that the blood of all the prophets, 50
which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be re-
quired of this generation: from the blood of Abel, unto the blood 51
of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple;'
verily, I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.
Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of 52
knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were
entering in ye hindered. And as he said these things unto them, 53

the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge *him* vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things, laying wait for 54 him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.

IN the mean time, when there were gathered together an in-12 numerable multitude of people, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. For there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known. Therefore, whatsoever ye have spoken 3 in darkness, shall be heard in the light; and that which ye have spoken in the ear in closets, shall be proclaimed upon the house-tops. And I say unto you, my friends, Be not afraid of them that 4 kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him which, 5 after he hath killed, hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, 6 and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very 7 hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. Also I say unto you, 8 Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God. But he that denieth 9 me before men shall be denied before the angels of God. And 10 whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven. And when they bring you 11 unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: for the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what 12 ye ought to say.

AND one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my 13 brother, that he divide the inheritance with me. And he said 14 unto him, Man, who made me a judge, or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: 15 for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, 16 The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: and 17 he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This 18 will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater: and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods: and I will say 19 to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto 20 him, *Thou fool!* this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be which thou hast provided? So 21 is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God. And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, 22 Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat; neither for the body, what ye shall put on. The life is more than meat, 23 and the body is more than raiment. Consider the ravens: for 24 they neither sow nor reap: which neither have storehouse, nor

barn; and God feedeth them. How much more are ye better
than the fowls? And which of you with taking thought can add 25
to his stature one cubit? If ye then be not able to do that thing 26
which is least, why take ye thought for the rest? Consider the 27
lilies how they grow: they toil not, they spin not; and yet I say
unto you, That Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one
of these. If then God so clothe the grass, which is to-day in the 28
field, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more *will*
he clothe you, O ye of little faith! And seek not ye what ye shall 29
eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. For 30
all these things do the nations of the world seek after: and your
Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But rather 31
seek ye the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added
unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good 32
pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give 33
alms: provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in
the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither
moth corrupteth. For where your treasure is, there will your 34
heart be also. Let your loins be girded about, and *your lights* 35
burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their 36
lord, when he will return from the wedding; that, when he
cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately.
Blessed *are* those servants, whom the lord when he cometh 37
shall find watching: verily, I say unto you, That he shall gird
himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth
and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or 38
come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those
servants. And this know, that if the good man of the house had 39
known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched,
and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye 40
therefore ready also: for the Son of man cometh at an hour
when ye think not. Then Peter said unto him, Lord, speakest 41
thou this parable unto us, or even to all? And the Lord said, 42
Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall
make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of meat
in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he 43
cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, That he 44
will make him ruler over all that he hath. But and if that ser- 45
vant say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall
begin to beat the men-servants and maidens, and to eat and
drink, and to be drunken; the lord of that servant will come in 46
a day when he looketh not for *him*, and at an hour when he is
not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his
portion with the unbelievers. And that servant which knew his 47
lord's will, and prepared not *himself*, neither did according to
his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. But he that knew 48
not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten
with few *stripes*. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him
shall be much required; and to whom men have committed
much, of him they will ask the more. I am come to send fire 49
on the earth, and what will I, if it be already kindled? But I 50

have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Suppose ye that I am come to give peace 51 on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division. For from hence- 52 forth there shall be five in one house divided, three against two, and two against three. The father shall be divided against the 53 son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter, and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

AND he said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out 54 of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower: and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There 55 will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites! ye can discern the face of the sky, and of the earth; but how is it, that ye do not discern this time? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge 57 ye not what is right? When thou goest with thine adversary to 58 the magistrate, *as thou art* in the way, give diligence that thou mayest be delivered from him; lest he hale thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and the officer cast thee into prison. I tell thee, thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast 59 paid the very last mite.

THERE were present at that season some that told him of the 13 Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these 2 Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay; but, except ye repent, ye 3 shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the 4 tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay; 5 but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

He spake also this parable: A certain man had a fig-tree 6 planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, 7 Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? And 8 he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: and if it bear fruit, well: and 9 if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

AND he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 10 And behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity 11 eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, 12 and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made 13 straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the 14 sabbath-day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath-day. The Lord then answered 15 him, and said, Thou hypocrite! doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away

to watering? And ought not this woman, being a daughter of 16
Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be
loosed from this bond on the sabbath-day? And when he had 17
said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the
people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.

THEN said he, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? and 18
whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard- 19
seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden, and it grew,
and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the
branches of it.

AND again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of 20
God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three 21
measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.

AND he went through the cities and villages, teaching, and 22
journeying toward Jerusalem. Then said one unto him, Lord, 23
are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, 'Strive to 24
enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek
to enter in, and shall not be able. When once the master of the 25
house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to
stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open
unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not
whence ye are: then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and 26
drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But 27
he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart
from me, all *ye* workers of iniquity. There shall be weeping 28
and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac,
and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you
yourselves thrust out. And they shall come from the east, and 29
from the west, and from the north, and *from* the south, and shall
sit down in the kingdom of God. And behold, there are last, 30
which shall be first; and there are first, which shall be last.

THE same day, there came certain of the Pharisees, saying 31
unto him, Get thee out, and depart hence; for Herod will kill
thee. And he said unto them, Go ye and tell that fox, Behold, 32
I cast out devils, and I do cures to-day and to-morrow, and the
third *day* I shall be perfected. Nevertheless, I must walk to-day 33
and to-morrow, and the *day* following: for it cannot be that a
prophet perish out of Jerusalem. O Jerusalem! Jerusalem! 34
which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto
thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together,
as a hen *doth* gather her brood under *her* wings, and ye would
not! 'Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. And verily, 35
I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until *the time* come when ye
shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the LORD!

AND it came to pass, as he went into the house of one of the 14
chief Pharisees to eat bread on the sabbath-day, that they
watched him. And behold, there was a certain man before him 2
which had the dropsy. And Jesus answering, spake unto the 3
lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sab-
bath-day? 'And they held their peace. And he took *him*, and 4
healed him, and let him go: and answered them, saying, Which 5

of you shall have an ass or an ox fallen into a pit, and will not straightway pull him out on the sabbath-day? And they could not answer him again to these things. 6

And he put forth a parable to those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief rooms; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any *man* to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room, lest a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him; and he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. Then said he also to him that bade him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor *thy* rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just. And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. Then said he unto him, A certain man made a great supper, and bade many: and sent his servant at supper-time, to say to them that were bidden, Come, for all things are now ready. And they all with one *consent* began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife: and therefore I cannot come. So that servant came, and showed his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry, said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor, and the maimed, and the halt, and the blind. And the servant said, Lord, it is done as thou hast commanded, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the high-ways and hedges, and compel *them* to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, That none of those men which were bidden, shall taste of my supper. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24

AND there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them, If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, 'say- 25 26 27 28 29 30

ing, 'This man began to build, and was not able to finish.' Or 31
what king going to make war against another king, sitteth not
down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand
to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or 32
else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an em-
bassage, and desireth conditions of peace. So likewise, whoso- 33
ever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot
be my disciple. Salt *is* good; but if the salt have lost his savor, 34
wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is neither fit for the land, 35
nor yet for the dunghill; *but* men cast it out. He that hath ears
to hear, let him hear.

THEN drew near unto him all the publicans and sinners, for 15
to hear him. And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, 2
This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

'AND he spake this parable unto them, saying, 'What man of 3,4
you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not
leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that
which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found *it*, he 5
layeth *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, 6
he calleth together *his* friends and neighbors, saying unto them,
Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I 7
say unto you, That likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner
that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons
which need no repentance.

EITHER what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose 8
one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and
seek diligently till she find *it*? And when she hath found *it*, she 9
calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbors together, saying, Rejoice
with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, 10
I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God
over one sinner that repenteth.

'AND he said, A certain man had two sons: 'and the younger 11
of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods
that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living. 'And 13
not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, and
took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his sub-
stance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there 14
arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want.
And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; 15
and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would 16
fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat;
and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he 17
said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough
and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to 18
my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against
heaven, and before thee, 'and am no more worthy to be called 19
thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, 20
and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off,
his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his
neck, and kissed him. And the son said unto him, Father, I 21
have sinned against Heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more

worthy to be called thy son. But the father said to his servants, 22
 Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on
 his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, 23
 and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was 24
 dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they
 began to be merry. Now his elder son was in the field: and as 25
 he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing.
 And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things 26
 meant. And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy 27
 father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him
 safe and sound. And he was angry, and would not go in; there- 28
 fore came his father out, and entreated him. And he answering, 29
 said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither
 transgressed I at any time thy commandment; and yet thou never
 gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: but 30
 as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living
 with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. And he 31
 said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me; and all that I have
 is thine. It was meet that we should make merry and be glad 32
 for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost
 and is found.

AND he said also unto his disciples, There was a certain rich 16
 man which had a steward; and the same was accused unto him
 that he had wasted his goods. And he called him, and said unto 2
 him, How is it that I hear this of thee? give an account of thy
 stewardship: for thou mayest be no longer steward. Then the 3
 steward said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord taketh
 away from me the stewardship: I cannot dig; to beg I am
 ashamed. I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of 4
 the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. So he 5
 called every one of his lord's debtors unto him, and said unto the
 first, How much owest thou unto my lord? And he said, A hun- 6
 dred measures of oil. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and
 sit down quickly, and write fifty. Then said he to another, And 7
 how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred measures of
 wheat. And he said unto him, Take thy bill, and write four-
 score. And the lord commended the unjust steward, because 8
 he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their
 generation wiser than the children of light. And I say unto you, 9
 Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness;
 that when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habita-
 tions. He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also 10
 in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is unjust also in
 much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous 11
 mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if 12
 ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who
 shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve 13
 two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other;
 or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot
 serve God and mammon.

AND the Pharisees also, who were covetous, heard all these 14

things, and they derided him. And he said unto them, Ye are 15
they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth
your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men, is
abomination in the sight of God. The law and the prophets 16
were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached,
and every man presseth into it. And it is easier for heaven and 17
earth to pass, than one tittle of the law to fail. Whosoever put- 18
teth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery;
and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from *her* husband,
committeth adultery.

THERE was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple 19
and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: and there was 20
a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full
of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from 21
the rich man's table: moreover, the dogs came and licked his
sores. And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was car- 22
ried by the angels into Abraham's bosom. The rich man also
died, and was buried. And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being 23
in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his
bosom. And he cried, and said, Father Abraham! have mercy 24
on me! and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger
in water, and cool my tongue: for I am tormented in this flame.
But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime re- 25
ceivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but
now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. And besides all 26
this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they
which would pass from hence to you, cannot; neither can they
pass to us, that *would come* from thence. Then he said, I pray 27
thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's
house: for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, 28
lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith 29
unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear
them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto 30
them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If 31
they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be per-
suaded, though one rose from the dead.

THEN said he unto the disciples, It is impossible but that 17
offences will come: but woe *unto him* through whom they come!
It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his 2
neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of
these little ones. Take heed to yourselves! 3

If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he re-
pent, forgive him. And if he trespass against thee seven times 4
in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I
repent; thou shalt forgive him.

AND the Apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. And 5,6
the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard-seed, ye
might say unto this sycamine-tree, Be thou plucked up by the
root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you.

BUT which of you having a servant plowing, or feeding cattle, 7
will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field,

Go and sit down to meat? and will not rather say unto him, 8
 Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve
 me, till I have eaten and drunken: and afterward thou shalt eat
 and drink? Doth he thank that servant, because he did the things 9
 that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when 10
 ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you,
 say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which
 was our duty to do.

AND it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed 11
 through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

AND as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten 12
 men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up 13
their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us! And 14
 when he saw *them*, he said unto them, Go show yourselves unto
 the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were
 cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, 15
 turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, 'and fell down 16
 on *his* face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samari-
 tan. And Jesus answering, said, Were there not ten cleansed? 17
 but where *are* the nine? There are not found that returned to 18
 give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, 19
 Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

AND when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the 20
 kingdom of God should come, he answered them, and said, The
 kingdom of God cometh not with observation. Neither shall 21
 they say, 'Lo here!' or 'Lo there!' for, behold, the kingdom of
 God is within you. And he said unto the disciples, The days 22
 will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the
 Son of man, and ye shall not see *it*. And they shall say to you, 23
 'See here!' or 'See there!' go not after *them*, nor follow *them*.
 For as the lightning, that lighteneth out of the one *part* under 24
 heaven, shineth unto the other *part* under heaven; so shall also
 the Son of man be in his day. But first must he suffer many 25
 things, and be rejected of this generation. And as it was in the 26
 days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man.
 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given 27
 in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and
 the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was 28
 in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they
 sold, they planted, they builded: but the same day that Lot 29
 went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven,
 and destroyed *them* all: even thus shall it be in the day when 30
 the Son of man is revealed. In that day, he which shall be 31
 upon the house-top, and his stuff in the house, let him not come
 down to take it away; and he that is in the field, let him like-
 wise not return back. 'Remember Lot's wife. 'Whosoever 32
 shall seek to save his life, shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose
 his life, shall preserve it. I tell you, In that night there shall be 34
 two *men* in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall
 be left. Two *women* shall be grinding together; the one shall 35
 be taken, and the other left. Two *men* shall be in the field; the 36

one shall be taken, and the other left. And they answered and 37
said unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where-
soever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together.

AND he spake a parable unto them *to this end*, that men ought 18
always to pray, and not to faint; saying, There was in a city a 2
judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man. And there 3
was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying,
Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: 4
but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God,
nor regard man; yet, because this widow troubleth me, I will 5
avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me. And 6
the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And shall not 7
God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him,
though he bear long with them? I tell you that he will avenge 8
them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh,
shall he find faith on the earth?

AND he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in them- 9
selves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men 10
went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the
other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with 11
himself; God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men *are*. ex-
tortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast 12
twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the 13
publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as *his* eyes
unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful
to me a sinner! I tell you, This man went down to his house, 14
justified *rather* than the other: for every one that exalteth him-
self shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be ex-
alted.

AND they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch 15
them: but when *his* disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. But 16
Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little children to
come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom
of God. Verily, I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive 17
the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter
therein.

AND a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what 18
shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, 19
Why callest thou me good? none *is* good, save one, *that is* God.
Thou knowest the commandments, "Do not commit adul- 20
tery," "Do not kill," "Do not steal," "Do not bear
false witness," "Honor thy father and thy mother."
'And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up. 'Now, 21
when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest
thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the
poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow
me. And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he 23
was very rich. And when Jesus saw that he was very sorrow- 24
ful, he said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into
the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through a 25
needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of

God. And they that heard *it*, said, Who then can be saved? 26
 And he said, The things which are impossible with men, are 27
 possible with God. Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all, and 28
 followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily, I say unto you, 29
 'There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or
 wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, 'who shall not 30
 receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to
 come life everlasting.

THEN he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Be- 31
 hold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by
 the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.
 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, 32
 and spitefully entreated, and spitted on; and they shall scourge 33
him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.
 And they understood none of these things: and this saying was 34
 hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

AND it came to pass, that as he was come nigh unto Jericho, 35
 a certain blind man sat by the way-side begging; and hearing 36
 the multitude pass by, he asked what it meant. And they told 37
 him that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, 38
 Jesus, *thou* son of David, have mercy on me! And they which 39
 went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he
 cried so much the more, *Thou* son of David, have mercy on me!
 And Jesus stood and commanded him to be brought unto him: 40
 and when he was come near, he asked him, 'saying, What wilt 41
 thou that I shall do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may
 receive my sight. And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight; 42
 thy faith hath saved thee. And immediately he received his 43
 sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people,
 when they saw *it*, gave praise unto God.

And Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 'And behold, 19
there was a man named Zaccheus, which was the chief among
 the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus 3
 who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little
 of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore- 4
 tree to see him; for he was to pass that *way*. And when Jesus 5
 came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto
 him, Zaccheus, make haste, and come down: for to-day I must
 abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and 6
 received him joyfully. And when they saw *it*, they all mur- 7
 mured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is
 a sinner. And Zaccheus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, 8
 Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have
 taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him*
 fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come 9
 to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. For 10
 the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

AND as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, 11
 because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought
 that the kingdom of God should immediately appear. He said 12
 therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive

for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, *here is* thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedst not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, *thou* wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath, shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me.

AND when he had thus spoken, he went before, ascending up to Jerusalem. And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called *the mount* of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying, Go ye into the village over-against *you*; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man sat: loose him, and bring *him* hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose *him*? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him. And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, The Lord hath need of him. And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way. And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice, for all the mighty works that they had seen; saying, 'Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest!' And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples. And he

answered and said unto them, I tell you, that if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

AND when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept 41
over it, 'saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this 42
thy day, the things *which belong* unto thy peace! but now they
are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, 43
that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass
thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 'and shall lay thee 44
even with the ground, and thy children within thee: and they
shall not leave in thee one stone upon another: because thou
knewest not the time of thy visitation.

AND he went into the temple, and began to cast out them 45
that sold therein, and them that bought, 'saying unto them, It is 46
written,

My house is the house of prayer :
But ye have made it a den of thieves.

'And he taught daily in the temple. But the chief priests and 47
the scribes, and the chief of the people, sought to destroy him,
'and could not find what they might do: for all the people were 48
very attentive to hear him.

AND it came to pass, *that* on one of those days, as he taught 20
the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief
priests and the scribes came upon *him*, with the elders, 'and 2
spake unto him, saying, Tell us, By what authority doest thou
these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority? And 3
he answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one thing;
and answer me: The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or 4
of men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we 5
shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then believed ye him
not? But and if we say, Of men; all the people will stone us: 6
for they be persuaded that John was a prophet. And they an- 7
swered, That they could not tell whence *it was*. And Jesus 8
said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these
things.

THEN began he to speak to the people this parable: A certain 9
man planted a vineyard, and let it forth to husbandmen, and
went into a far country for a long time. And at the season he 10
sent a servant to the husbandmen, that they should give him
of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and
sent *him* away empty. And again he sent another servant: and 11
they beat him also, and entreated *him* shamefully, and sent *him*
away empty. And again he sent a third: and they wounded 12
him also, and cast *him* out. Then said the lord of the vineyard, 13
What shall I do? I will send my beloved son: it may be they
will reverence *him* when they see him. But when the husband- 14
men saw him, they reasoned among themselves, saying, This is
the heir: come, let us kill him, that the inheritance may be
our's. So they cast him out of the vineyard, and killed *him*. 15
What therefore shall the lord of the vineyard do unto them?
He shall come and destroy these husbandmen, and shall give 16
the vineyard to others. And when they heard *it*, they said, God

forbid. And he beheld them, and said, What is this then that is 17
written,

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same is become the head of the corner?

Whosoever shall fall upon that stone, shall be broken: but on 18
whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. And the 19
chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands
on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he
had spoken this parable against them.

AND they watched *him*, and sent forth spies, which should 20
feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words,
that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of
the governor. And they asked him, saying, Master, we know 21
that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the
person of *any*, but teachest the way of God truly: Is it lawful 22
for us to give tribute unto Cesar, or no? But he perceived their 23
craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me? Show me a 24
penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered
and said, Cesar's. And he said unto them, Render therefore 25
unto Cesar the things which be Cesar's, and unto God the things
which be God's. And they could not take hold of his words be- 26
fore the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their
peace.

THEN came to *him* certain of the Sadducees (which deny that 27
there is any resurrection) and they asked him, saying, Master, 28
Moses wrote unto us, If any man's brother die, having
a wife, and he die without children, that his brother
should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. There 29
were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and
died without children. And the second took her to wife, and 30
he died childless. And the third took her; and in like manner 31
the seven also: and they left no children, and died. Last of all 32
the woman died also. Therefore in the resurrection, whose wife 33
of them is she? for seven had her to wife. And Jesus answer- 34
ing, said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are
given in marriage: but they which shall be accounted worthy 35
to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither
marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any 36
more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children
of God, being the children of the resurrection. Now that the 37
dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth
the LORD "the God of Abraham and the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob." For he is not a God of the 38
dead, but of the living: for all live unto him. Then certain of 39
the scribes answering, said, Master, thou hast well said. And 40
after that, they durst not ask him any *question at all*.

AND he said unto them, How say they that Christ is David's 41
son? And David himself saith in the book of Psalms 42

The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

43

David therefore calleth him LORD, how is he then his son? 44

THEN in the audience of all the people, he said unto his disciples: Beware of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the markets, and the highest seats in the synagogues, and the chief rooms at feasts; which devour widows' houses, and for a show make long prayers: the same shall receive greater damnation.

AND he looked up and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow, casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast in more than they all For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

AND as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, he said, *As for* these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign *will there be* when these things shall come to pass? And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *Christ*; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by. Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences: and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer. For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolks, and friends; and *some* of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not a hair of your head perish. 'In your patience possess ye your souls. 'And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with

perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing 26
them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming
on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And 27
then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with
power and great glory. And when these things begin to come 28
to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads: for your redemption
draweth nigh. And he spake to them a parable; Behold 29
the fig-tree, and all the trees; when they now shoot forth, ye 30
see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at
hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, 31
know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily, I say 32
unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.
Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass 33
away. And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your 34
hearts be overcharged with surfeiting and drunkenness, and
cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For 35
as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of
the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye 36
may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall
come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

AND in the day-time he was teaching in the temple; and at 37
night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called *the*
mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning 38
to him in the temple, for to hear him.

NOW the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called 22
the Passover. And the chief priests and scribes sought how 2
they might kill him: for they feared the people.

THEN entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of 3
the number of the twelve. And he went his way, and com- 4
muned with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray
him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give 5
him money. And he promised, and sought opportunity to betray 6
him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

THEN came the day of unleavened bread, when the passover 7
must be killed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and 8
prepare us the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto 9
him, Where wilt thou that we prepare? And he said unto them, 10
Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall a man
meet you, bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house
where he entereth in. And ye shall say unto the good man of 11
the house, The Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-cham-
ber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? And he 12
shall show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready.
And they went and found as he had said unto them: and they 13
made ready the passover.

AND when the hour was come, he sat down, and the twelve 14
Apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have 15
desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer. For I say 16
unto you, I will not any more eat thereof, until it be fulfilled in
the kingdom of God. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, 17
and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves. For I say 18

unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come.

AND he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave 19
unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this
do in remembrance of me. Likewise also the cup after supper, 20
saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is
shed for you. But, behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is 21
with me on the table. And truly the Son of man goeth as it
was determined: but woe unto that man by whom he is betrayed! 22
And they began to inquire among themselves, which of them 23
it was that should do this thing.

AND there was also a strife among them, which of them should 24
be accounted the greatest. And he said unto them, The kings 25
of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and they that ex-
ercise authority upon them are called benefactors. But ye *shall* 26
not *be* so: but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the
younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For 27
whether *is* greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth?
is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that
serveth. Ye are they which have continued with me in my 28
temptations; and I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father 29
hath appointed unto me; that ye may eat and drink at my table 30
in my kingdom, and sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of
Israel.

AND the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired 31
to have you, that he may sift *you* as wheat: but I have prayed 32
for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted,
strengthen thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready 33
to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. And he said, I 34
tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou
shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me. And he said unto them, 35
When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye
any thing? And they said, Nothing. 'Then said he unto them, 36
But now, he that hath a purse, let him take *it*, and likewise *his*
scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and
buy one. For I say unto you, That this that is written must yet 37
be accomplished in me,

And he was reckoned among the transgressors:

for the things concerning me have an end. And they said, 38
Lord, behold, here *are* two swords. And he said unto them, It
is enough.

AND he came out, and went, as he was wont, to the mount 39
of Olives; and his disciples also followed him. And when he 40
was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into
temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's 41
cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, 'saying, Father, If thou be 42
willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will,
but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from 43
heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony, he prayed 44
more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of
blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from 45

prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow, 'and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, 46 lest ye enter into temptation.

AND while he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that 47 was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them, and drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. But Jesus said unto him, 48 Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? When they 49 which were about him, saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them 50 smote a servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And 51 Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, 52 and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth 53 no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

THEN took they him, and led *him*, and brought him into the 54 high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. 'And when 55 they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. But a certain 56 maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. And he denied 57 him, saying, Woman, I know him not. And after a little while 58 another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. And about the space of one hour after, 59 another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this *fellow* also was with him; for he is a Galilean. And Peter said, Man, I 60 know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon 61 Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crew, thou shalt deny me thrice. And Peter went out, and wept bitterly. 62

AND the men that held Jesus mocked him, and smote *him*. 63 And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, 64 and asked him, saying, Prophesy, who is it that smote thee? And 65 many other things blasphemously spake they against him.

AND as soon as it was day, the elders of the people, and the 66 chief priests, and the scribes, came together, and led him into their council, saying, 'Art thou the Christ? tell us. And he said 67 unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe. And if I also ask 68 *you*, ye will not answer me, nor let *me* go. Hereafter shall the 69 Son of man sit on the right hand of the power of God. Then 70 said they all, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. And they said, What need we any 71 further witness? for we ourselves have heard of his own mouth.

AND the whole multitude of them arose, and led him unto 72 Pilate. And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this 2 *fellow* perverting the nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cesar, saying, That he himself is Christ, a king. And Pilate 3 asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he an-

swered him and said, Thou sayest *it*. Then said Pilate to the 4
chief priests, and to the people, I find no fault in this man. And 5
they were the more fierce, saying, He stirreth up the people,
teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this
place. When Pilate heard of Galilee, he asked whether the man 6
were a Galilean. And as soon as he knew that he belonged 7
unto Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who himself
also was at Jerusalem at that time.

And when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he 8
was desirous to see him of a long *season*, because he had heard
many things of him; and he hoped to have seen some miracle
done by him. Then he questioned with him in many words; but 9
he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes 10
stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men 11
of war set him at nought, and mocked *him*, and arrayed him in
a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate. And the same 12
day Pilate and Herod were made friends together; for before
they were at enmity between themselves.

And Pilate, when he had called together the chief priests, and 13
the rulers, and the people, said unto them, Ye have brought this 14
man unto me, as one that perverteth the people; and behold, I,
having examined *him* before you, have found no fault in this
man, touching those things whereof ye accuse him; no, nor yet 15
Herod: for I sent you to him; and lo, nothing worthy of death
is done unto him: I will therefore chastise him, and release *him*. 16
(For of necessity he must release one unto them, at the feast.)
(And they cried out all at once, saying, Away with this *man*, and 17
release unto us Barabbas; (who, for a certain sedition made in 18
the city, and for murder, was cast into prison.) Pilate therefore, 19
willing to release Jesus, spake again to them. But they cried, 20
saying, Crucify *him*! crucify *him*! And he said unto them the 22
third time, Why, what evil hath he done? I have found no cause
of death in him; I will therefore chastise him, and let *him* go.
And they were instant with loud voices, requiring that he might 23
be crucified; and the voices of them, and of the chief priests,
prevailed. And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they 24
required. And he released unto them him that for sedition and 25
murder was cast into prison, whom they had desired: but he de-
livered Jesus to their will.

AND as they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon, 26
a Cyrenian, coming out of the country, and on him they laid the
cross, that he might bear *it* after Jesus. And there followed him 27
a great company of people, and of women, which also bewailed
and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them, said, Daugh- 28
ters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and
for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in the 29
which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that
never bare, and the paps which never gave suck. Then shall 30
they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills,
Cover us. For if they do these things in a green tree, what shall 31
be done in the dry?

AND there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death. And when they were come to the place which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors; one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. 'And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, and offering him vinegar, 'and saying, If thou be the King of the Jews, save thyself. And a superscription also was written over him, in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, 'THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.'

AND one of the malefactors, which were hanged, railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering, rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily, I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

AND it was about the sixth hour, and there was a darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. And the sun was darkened, and the vail of the temple was rent in the midst. And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

Now, when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. And all the people that came together to that sight, beholding the things which were done, smote their breasts and returned. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed him from Galilee, stood afar off, beholding these things.

AND behold, *there was* a man named Joseph, a counsellor: and *he was* a good man, and a just; ' (the same had not consented to the counsel and deed of them:) *he was* of Arimathea, a city of the Jews; who also himself waited for the kingdom of God. This *man* went unto Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulchre that was hewn in stone, wherein never man before was laid. And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.

AND the women also, which came with him from Galilee, followed after, and beheld the sepulchre, and how his body was laid. And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments; and rested the sabbath-day, according to the commandment.

Now upon the first *day* of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre. And they en-

tered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came 4
to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two
men stood by them in shining garments. And as they were 5
afraid, and bowed down *their* faces to the earth, they said unto
them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, 6
but is risen. Remember how he spake unto you when he was
yet in Galilee, 'saying, The Son of man must be delivered into 7
the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise
again. 'And they remembered his words, 'and returned from 8,9
the sepulchre, and told all these things unto the eleven, and to
all the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary 10
the mother of James, and other *women that were* with them, which
told these things unto the Apostles. And their words seemed 11
to them as idle tales, and they believed them not. Then arose 12
Peter, and ran unto the sepulchre, and stooping down, he beheld
the linen clothes laid by themselves, and departed, wondering in
himself at that which was come to pass.

AND behold, two of them went that same day to a village 13
called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem *about* threescore
furlongs. And they talked together of all these things which 14
had happened. And it came to pass, that while they communed 15
together, and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with
them. But their eyes were holden, that they should not know 16
him. And he said unto them, What manner of communications 17
are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?
And the one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answering, said 18
unto him, Art thou only a stranger in Jerusalem, and hast not
known the things which are come to pass there in these days?
'And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, 19
Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in
deed and word before God, and all the people: and how the 20
chief priests and our rulers delivered him to be condemned to
death, and have crucified him. But we trusted that it had been 21
he which should have redeemed Israel: and besides all this, to-
day is the third day since these things were done. Yea, and 22
certain women also of our company made us astonished, which
were early at the sepulchre. And when they found not his body, 23
they came, saying, That they had also seen a vision of angels,
which said that he was alive. And certain of them which were 24
with us, went to the sepulchre, and found *it* even so as the
women had said: but him they saw not. Then he said unto 25
them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets
have spoken! Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and 26
to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses, and all the 27
prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things
concerning himself. And they drew nigh unto the village 28
whither they went: and he made as though he would have
gone further. But they constrained him, saying, Abide with us: 29
for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. And he went
in to tarry with them. And it came to pass, as he sat at meat 30
with them, he took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake, and gave to

them. And their eyes were opened, and they knew him: and he vanished out of their sight. And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?

And they rose up the same hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 'saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. And they told what things *were done* in the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.

AND as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. But they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have. And when he had thus spoken, he showed them *his* hands, and *his* feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. And he took *it*, and did eat before them. And he said unto them, These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the Prophets, and *in* the Psalms, concerning me. Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 'and said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, 'and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

AND he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with 1
God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning 2
with God. All things were made by him; and without him 3
was not any thing made that was made. In him was LIFE; and 4
THE LIFE was the light of men. And the light shineth in dark- 5
ness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

THERE was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 6
The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that 7
all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but 8
was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that com- 9
eth into the world. He was in the world, and the world was 10
made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his 11
own, and his own received him not. But as many as received 12
him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to
them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, 13
nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.
And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we be- 14
held his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,)
full of grace and truth. John bare witness of him, and cried, 15
saying, 'This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me
is preferred before me; for he was before me. And of his full- 16
ness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law 17
was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.
No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, 18
which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

AND this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests 19
and Levites from Jerusalem, to ask him, Who art thou? And he 20
confessed, and denied not; but confessed, I am not the Christ.
'And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elias? And he saith, 21
I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No. 'Then 22
said they unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer
to them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? 'He said, I am 23

*The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make straight the way of the LORD,*

as said the prophet Esaias. And they which were sent were of 24
the Pharisees. And they asked him, and said unto him, Why 25
baptizest thou then, if thou be not that Christ, nor Elias, neither
that prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize with water: 26
but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not: he is, 27
who, coming after me, is preferred before me, whose shoe's
latchet I am not worthy to unloose. These things were done in 28
Bethabara beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing. The next 29
day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the

Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world! This is 30
he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred
before me; for he was before me. And I knew him not: but 31
that he should be made manifest to Israel, therefore am I come
baptizing with water. And John bare record, saying, I saw the 32
Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon
him. And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with 33
water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the
Spirit descending and remaining on him, the same is he which
baptizeth with the Holy Ghost. And I saw and bare record, 34
that this is the Son of God.

AGAIN the next day after, John stood, and two of his disciples; 35
and looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb 36
of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and they fol- 37
lowed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and saw them following, and 38
saith unto them, What seek ye? They said unto him, Rabbi,
(which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?
'He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where 39
he dwelt, and abode with him that day: for it was about the
tenth hour. One of the two which heard John *speak*, and fol- 40
lowed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first findeth 41
his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the
Messias, (which is, being interpreted, the Christ.) And he brought 42
him to Jesus. And when Jesus beheld him, he said, Thou art
Simon the son of Jona: thou shalt be called Cephas, (which is,
by interpretation, a stone.) The day following Jesus would go 43
forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow
me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and 44
Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have 45
found him of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did
write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael 46
said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?
Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael 47
coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in
whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest 48
thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip
called thee, when thou wast under the fig-tree, I saw thee. Na- 49
thanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of
God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto 50
him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig-tree,
believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And 51
he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye
shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and
descending upon the Son of man.

AND the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; 2
and the mother of Jesus was there. And both Jesus was called, 2
and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, 3
the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus 4
saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour
is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever 5
he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six water- 6

pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, 7
 Fill the water-pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto 8
 the governor of the feast. And they bare it. 'When the ruler 9
 of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, 10
 'and saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine: and when men have well drunk, then that which 11
 is worse: *but* thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

AFTER this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, 12
 and his brethren, and his disciples; and they continued there not many days.

AND the Jews' passover was at hand; and Jesus went up to 13
 Jerusalem, 'and found in the temple those that sold oxen, and 14
 sheep, and doves, and the changers of money, sitting: and when 15
 he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables; and said unto them 16
 that sold doves, Take these things hence: make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. And his disciples remembered 17
 that it was written,

The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, What sign showest 18
 thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? Jesus answered 19
 and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was 20
 this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 'But he spake of the temple of his body. 'When therefore he 21
 was risen from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this unto them: and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

Now, when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast- 23
day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, 24
 because he knew all *men*, 'and needed not that any should tes- 25
 tify of man: for he knew what was in man.

THERE was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler 3
 of the Jews: the same came to Jesus by night, and said unto 2
 him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I 3
 say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man 4
 be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I 5
 say unto thee, Except a man be born of water, and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born 6

of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 'Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. 'The 7,8
wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof,
but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is
every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and 9
said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and 10
said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these
things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do 11
know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our
witness. If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, 12
how shall ye believe if I tell you of heavenly things? And no 13
man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from
heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses 14
lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of
man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth in him should not 15
perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that 16
he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him
should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not 17
his Son into the world, to condemn the world; but that the world
through him might be saved. He that believeth on him is not 18
condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, be-
cause he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten
Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that light is come 19
into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, be-
cause their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil 20
hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should
be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth, cometh to the light, that 21
his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

AFTER these things came Jesus and his disciples into the 22
land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized.
And John also was baptizing in Ænon, near to Salim, because 23
there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.
For John was not yet cast into prison. 24

THEN there arose a question between *some* of John's disciples 25
and the Jews, about purifying. And they came unto John, and 26
said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to
whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all
men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive 27
nothing, except it be given him from heaven. Ye yourselves 28
bear me witness that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am
sent before him. He that hath the bride, is the bridegroom: but 29
the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him,
rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy
therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I *must* decrease. 30
He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth 31
is earthly, and speaketh of the earth; he that cometh from heaven
is above all. And what he hath seen and heard, that he testi- 32
fieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. He that hath re- 33
ceived his testimony, hath set to his seal that God is true. For 34
he whom God hath sent, speaketh the words of God: for God
giveth not the Spirit by measure *unto him*. The Father loveth 35

the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

WHEN therefore the Lord knew how the Pharisees had heard that Jesus made and baptized more disciples than John, (though Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples,) he left Judea, and departed again into Galilee. And he must needs go through Samaria. Then cometh he to a city of Samaria, which is called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? (for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink: thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof, himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him, shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him, shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands, and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, That in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him, must worship him in spirit and in truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, (which is called Christ:) when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he. And upon this came his disciples, and marvelled that he talked with the woman: yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why talkest

thou with her! The woman then left her water-pot, and went 28
her way into the city, and saith to the men, Come, see a man 29
which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ?
Then they went out of the city, and came unto him. 30

In the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, 31
eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know 32
not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, Hath any 33
man brought him *aught* to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat 34
is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say 35
not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest?
behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields;
for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth re- 36
ceiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both
he that soweth, and he that reapeth, may rejoice together. And 37
herein is that saying true, 'One soweth, and another reapeth.'
I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other 38
men labored, and ye are entered into their labors.

AND many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for 39
the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that
ever I did. So when the Samaritans were come unto him, they 40
besought him that he would tarry with them: and he abode
there two days. And many more believed, because of his own 41
word; and said unto the woman, Now we believe, not because 42
of thy saying: for we have heard *him* ourselves, and know that
this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world.

NOW, after two days he departed thence, and went into 43
Galilee. For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no 44
honor in his own country. Then when he was come into Gali- 45
lee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that
he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the
feast. So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he 46
made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose
son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was 47
come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him; and besought
him that he would come down and heal his son: for he was at
the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see 48
signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith 49
unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto 50
him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the
word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.
And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told 51
him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour 52
when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday
at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew 53
that *it was* at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him,
Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.
This is again the second miracle *that* Jesus did, when he was 54
come out of Judea into Galilee.

AFTER this there was a feast of the Jews: and Jesus went 5
up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem, by the sheep- 2
market, a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue, Bethesda,

having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent 3
 folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the
 water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the 4
 pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the
 troubling of the water stepped in, was made whole of whatso- 5
 ever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had 6
 an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, 7
 and knew that he had been now a long time *in that case*, he 8
 saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man 9
 answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled,
 to put me into the pool; but while I am coming, another step-
 peth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy 10
 bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, 11
 and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the
 sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, It 12
 is the sabbath-day; it is not lawful for thee to carry *thy* bed.
 He answered them, He that made me whole, the same said 13
 unto me, 'Take up thy bed, and walk. Then asked they him, 14
 What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and
 walk? And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus 15
 had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in *that* place.
 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, 16
 Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing
 come unto thee. The man departed, and told the Jews that it 17
 was Jesus which had made him whole.

AND therefore did the Jews persecute Jesus, and sought to slay 16
 him, because he had done these things on the sabbath-day. But 17
 Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.
 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not 18
 only had broken the sabbath, but said also, That God was his
 Father, making himself equal with God. Then answered Jesus, 19
 and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can
 do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for
 what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.
 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that 20
 himself doeth: and he will show him greater works than these,
 that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth up the dead, 21
 and quickeneth *them*; even so the Son quickeneth whom he
 will. For the Father judgeth no man: but hath committed all 22
 judgment unto the Son: that all *men* should honor the Son, even 23
 as they honor the Father. He that honoreth not the Son, hon-
 oreth not the Father which hath sent him. Verily, verily, I say 24
 unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that
 sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condem-
 nation; but is passed from death unto life. Verily, verily, I say 25
 unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall
 hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.
 For as the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the 26
 Son to have life in himself; and hath given him authority to 27
 execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man. Marvel 28
 not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are

in the graves shall hear his voice, 'and shall come forth; they 29
that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that
have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. I can of 30
mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment
is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the
Father which hath sent me. If I bear witness of myself, my 31
witness is not true. There is another that beareth witness of 32
me, and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is
true. Ye sent unto John, and he bare witness unto the truth. 33
But I receive not testimony from man: but these things I say, 34
that ye might be saved. He was a burning and a shining light: 35
and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light. But I 36
have greater witness than *that* of John: for the works which the
Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do, bear
witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. And the Father 37
himself, which hath sent me, hath borne witness of me. Ye
have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his shape.
And ye have not his word abiding in you: for whom he hath 38
sent, him ye believe not. Search the scriptures; for in them ye 39
think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of
me. 'And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. 'I 40
receive not honor from men. But I know you, that ye have not 42
the love of God in you. I am come in my Father's name, and 43
ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him
ye will receive. How can ye believe, which receive honor one 44
of another, and seek not the honor that *cometh* from God only?
Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is *one* 45
that accuseth you, *even* Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye 46
believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of
me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe 47
my words?

AFTER these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, 6
which is *the sea* of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed 2
him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that
were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there 3
he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, 4
was nigh.

WHEN Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company 5
come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy
bread that these may eat? (And this he said to prove him: for 6
he himself knew what he would do.) Philip answered him, 7
Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them,
that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, 8
Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad 9
here, which hath five barley-loaves, and two small fishes: but
what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men 10
sit down. (Now there was much grass in the place.) So the
men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took 11
the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to
the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and
likewise of the fishes, as much as they would. When they were 12

filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley-loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

THEN those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that Prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. And when even was *now* come, his disciples went down unto the sea, and entered into a ship, and went over the sea toward Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus was not come to them. And the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five-and-twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. 'But he saith unto them, It is I, be not afraid. 'Then they willingly received him into the ship: and immediately the ship was at the land whither they went.

THE day following, when the people which stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was none other boat there, save that one whereinto his disciples were entered, and that Jesus went not with his disciples into the boat, but *that* his disciples were gone away alone:—howbeit there came other boats from Tiberias, nigh unto the place where they did eat bread, after that the Lord had given thanks: when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples,—they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus. And when they had found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou hither? Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed. Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. They said therefore unto him, What sign showest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work? Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written,

He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me, shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me, shall never thirst. But I said unto you, 'That ye also have seen me, and believe not. All that the Father giveth me, shall come to

me; and him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out. For 38
I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the
will of him that sent me. And this is the Father's will which 39
hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me, I should lose
nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day. And this is 40
the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the
Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I
will raise him up at the last day.

The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the 41
bread which came down from heaven. And they said, Is not 42
this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?
how is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven? Jesus 43
therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among
yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which 44
hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.
It is written in the prophets, 45

And they shall be all taught of God.

Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the
Father, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, 46
save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father. Verily, verily, 47
I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.
'I am that bread of life.' Your fathers did eat manna in the 48
wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down 50
from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am 51
the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man
eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I
will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How 52
can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? Then Jesus said unto 53
them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of
the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.
Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal 54
life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is 55
meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth 56
my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.
As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so 57
he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread 58
which came down from heaven; not as your fathers did eat
manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for
ever.

THESE things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Caper- 59
naum.

MANY therefore of his disciples, when they had heard *this*, 60
said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew 61
in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them,
Doth this offend you? *What* and if ye shall see the Son of man 62
ascend up where he was before? It is the Spirit that quickeneth; 63
the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you,
they are spirit, and *they* are life. But there are some of you that 64
believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were
that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, 65

Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

From that *time* many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe, and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

AFTER these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him.

NOW the Jews' feast of tabernacles was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judea, that thy disciples also may see the works that thou doest. For *there is* no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, show thyself to the world. (For neither did his brethren believe in him.) Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil. Go ye up unto this feast: I go not up yet unto this feast; for my time is not yet full come. When he had said these words unto them, he abode *still* in Galilee. But when his brethren were gone up, then went he also up unto the feast, not openly, but as it were in secret.

THEN the Jews sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? And there was much murmuring among the people concerning him: for some said, He is a good man: others said, Nay; but he deceiveth the people. Howbeit, no man spake openly of him, for fear of the Jews.

Now, about the midst of the feast, Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or *whether* I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself, seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and *yet* none of you keepeth the law? Why go ye about to kill me? The people answered and said, Thou hast a devil: who goeth about to kill thee? Jesus answered and said unto them, I have done one work, and ye all marvel. Moses therefore gave unto you circumcision, (not because it is of Moses, but of the fathers;) and ye on the sabbath-day circumcise a man. If a man on the sabbath-day receive circumcision, that the law of Moses should not be broken; are ye angry at me, because I have made a man every whit whole on the sabbath-day? Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

Then said some of them of Jerusalem, Is not this he whom 25
they seek to kill? But lo, he speaketh boldly, and they say no- 26
thing unto him. Do the rulers know indeed that this is the very
Christ? Howbeit, we know this man, whence he is: but when 27
Christ cometh, no man knoweth whence he is.

Then cried Jesus in the temple, as he taught, saying, Ye both 28
know me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of
myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. But I 29
know him; for I am from him, and he hath sent me. Then they 30
sought to take him: but no man laid hands on him, because his
hour was not yet come. And many of the people believed on 31
him, and said, When Christ cometh, will he do more miracles
than these which this *man* hath done? The Pharisees heard that 32
the people murmured such things concerning him: and the
Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. Then 33
said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and *then*
I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not 34
find *me*: and where I am, *thither* ye cannot come. Then said 35
the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall
not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles,
and teach the Gentiles? What *manner of* saying is this that he 36
said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find *me*: and where I am,
thither ye cannot come?

In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and 37
cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.
He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his 38
belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of 39
the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive; for
the Holy Ghost was not yet *given*, because that Jesus was not
yet glorified.) Many of the people therefore, when they heard 40
this saying, said, Of a truth this is the Prophet. Others said, 41
This is the Christ. But some said, Shall Christ come out of
Galilee? Hath not the scripture said, That Christ cometh of the 42
seed of David, and out of the town of Bethlehem, where David
was? So there was a division among the people, because of him. 43
And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid 44
hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and 45
Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought
him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. 46
Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? 47
Have any of the rulers, or of the Pharisees, believed on him? 48
'But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. 'Nico- 49
demus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being
one of them.) Doth our law judge *any* man, before it hear him, 51
and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, 52
Art thou also of Galilee? Search and look: for out of Galilee
ariseth no prophet. And every man went unto his own house. 53
Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. 54

AND early in the morning he came again into the temple, and 2
all the people came unto him; and he sat down and taught them.
And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken 3

in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 'they say 4
unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very
act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should 5
be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, 6
that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down,
and with *his* finger wrote on the ground, *as though he heard them*
not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, 7
and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him
first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote 8
on the ground. And they which heard *it*, being convicted by 9
their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the
eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the
woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up him- 10
self, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman,
where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?
'She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do 11
I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

THEN spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light 12
of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness,
but shall have the light of life. The Pharisees therefore said 13
unto him, Thou bearest record of thyself; thy record is not true.
Jesus answered and said unto them, Though I bear record of 14
myself, *yet* my record is true: for I know whence I came, and
whither I go: but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I
go. 'Ye judge after the flesh, I judge no man. 'And yet if I 15
judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the
Father that sent me. It is also written in your law, "that the 17
testimony of two men is true." I am one that bear 18
witness of myself; and the Father that sent me, beareth witness
of me. 'Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus 19
answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had
known me, ye should have known my Father also.

These words spake Jesus in the treasury, as he taught in the 20
temple: and no man laid hands on him, for his hour was not
yet come.

Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall 21
seek me, and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot
come. Then said the Jews, Will he kill himself? because he 22
saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come. And he said unto them, 23
Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world;
I am not of this world. I said therefore unto you, that ye shall 24
die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I *am* *he*, ye shall die
in your sins. 'Then said they unto him, Who art thou? And 25
Jesus saith unto them, *Even the same* that I said unto you from
the beginning. I have many things to say, and to judge of you: 26
but he that sent me, is true; and I speak to the world those
things which I have heard of him. They understood not that 27
he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, 28
When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know
that I am *he*, and *that* I do nothing of myself; but as my Father
hath taught me, I speak these things. And he that sent me is 29

with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

'As he spake these words, many believed on him. 'Then said 30
Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in
my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know 32
the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 'They answered 33
him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any
man: how sayest thou, ye shall be made free? Jesus answered 34
them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin,
is the servant of sin. And the servant abideth not in the house 35
for ever, *but* the Son abideth ever. If the Son therefore shall 36
make you free, ye shall be free indeed. I know that ye are 37
Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath
no place in you. I speak that which I have seen with my 38
Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.
'They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. 39
Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would
do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man 40
that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this
did not Abraham. 'Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said 41
they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one
Father, *even* God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your 42
Father, ye would love me; for I proceeded forth and came from
God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye 43
not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my
word. Ye are of *your* father the Devil, and the lusts of your 44
father ye will do: he was a murderer from the beginning, and
abode not in the truth; because there is no truth in him. When
he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and
the father of it. And because I tell *you* the truth, ye believe 45
me not. 'Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say 46
the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God, heareth 47
God's words; ye therefore hear *them* not, because ye are not of
God. Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not 48
well, that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus an- 49
swered, I have not a devil; but I honor my Father, and ye do
dishonor me. And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that 50
seeketh and judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man 51
keep my saying, he shall never see death. 'Then said the Jews 52
unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is
dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my
saying, he shall never taste of death. Art thou greater than 53
our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead:
whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I honor myself, 54
my honor is nothing: it is my Father that honoreth me, of whom
ye say, that he is your God. Yet ye have not known him; but 55
I know him: and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be a
liar like unto you: but I know him, and keep his saying. Your 56
father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was
glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years 57
old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them, Verily, 58

verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am. Then took 59
they up stones to cast at him: but Jesus hid himself, and went
out of the temple, going through the midst of them, and so
passed by.

AND as *Jesus* passed by, he saw a man which was blind from 9
his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did 2
sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? *Jesus* an- 3
swered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that
the works of God should be made manifest in him. I must
work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night
cometh, when no man can work. As long as I am in the world, 5
I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he 6
spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed
the eyes of the blind man with the clay, 'and said unto him, Go, 7
wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is, by interpretation, Sent.)
He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing. 'The 8
neighbors therefore, and they which before had seen him that
he was blind, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? Some 9
said, This is he: others said, He is like him: *but* he said, I am
he. Therefore said they unto him, How were thine eyes opened? 10
He answered and said, A man that is called *Jesus*, made clay, 11
and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to the pool of
Siloam, and wash: and I went and washed, and I received
sight. Then said they unto him, Where is he? He said, I 12
know not.

THEY brought to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 13
And it was the sabbath-day when *Jesus* made the clay, and 14
opened his eyes. Then again the Pharisees also asked him how 15
he had received his sight. He said unto them, He put clay upon
mine eyes, and I washed, and do see. Therefore said some of 16
the Pharisees, This man is not of God, because he keepeth not
the sabbath-day. Others said, How can a man that is a sinner
do such miracles? And there was a division among them. 'They 17
say unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, that he
hath opened thine eyes? He said, He is a prophet. 'But the 18
Jews did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind,
and received his sight, until they called the parents of him that
had received his sight. And they asked them, saying, Is this 19
your son, who ye say was born blind? How then doth he now
see? His parents answered them and said, We know that this 20
is our son, and that he was born blind: but by what means he 21
now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we
know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.
These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: 22
for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess
that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.
'Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 'Then again 23
called they the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give
God the praise: we know that this man is a sinner. He an- 25
swered and said, Whether he be a sinner or no, I know not:
one thing I know, that whereas I was blind, now I see. Then 26

said they to him again, What did he to thee? how opened he
thine eyes? He answered them, I have told you already, and ye 27
did not hear: wherefore would ye hear *it* again? will ye also
be his disciples? Then they reviled him, and said, Thou art his 28
disciple; but we are Moses' disciples. We know that God spake 29
unto Moses; *as for this fellow*, we know not from whence he
is. The man answered and said unto them, Why, herein is a 30
marvellous thing, that ye know not from whence he is, and *yet*
he hath opened mine eyes. Now we know that God heareth not 31
sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his
will, him he heareth. Since the world began, was it not heard 32
that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind. If 33
this man were not of God, he could do nothing. They answered 34
and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost
thou teach us? And they cast him out.

JESUS heard that they had cast him out: and when he had 35
found him, he said unto him, Dost thou believe on the Son of
God? He answered and said, Who is he, Lord, that I might be- 36
lieve on him? And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen 37
him, and it is he that talketh with thee. And he said, Lord, I 38
believe. And he worshipped him. ' And Jesus said, For judg- 39
ment I am come into this world; that they which see not might
see, and that they which see might be made blind.

AND *some* of the Pharisees which were with him heard these 40
words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto 41
them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say,
We see; therefore your sin remaineth. Verily, verily, I say 10
unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold,
but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a rob-
ber. But he that entereth in by the door, is the shepherd of the 2
sheep. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his 3
voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them
out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before 4
them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And 5
a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they
know not the voice of strangers. This parable spake Jesus 6
unto them: but they understood not what things they were
which he spake unto them. Then said Jesus unto them again, 7
Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. All that 8
ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did
not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he 9
shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. The 10
thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I
am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it*
more abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd 11
giveth his life for the sheep. But he that is a hireling, and not
the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf
coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth; and the wolf catcheth
them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because 13
he is a hireling, and careth not for the sheep. I am the good 14
shepherd, and know my *sheep*, and am known of mine. As the 15

Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father : and I lay down my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold ; them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice ; and there shall be one fold, *and* one shepherd. Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.—No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.—This commandment have I received of my Father.

THERE was a division therefore again among the Jews for these sayings. And many of them said, He hath a devil, and is mad ; why hear ye him ? Others said, These are not the words of him that hath a devil. Can a devil open the eyes of the blind ?

AND it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch. Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt ? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not : the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me : and I give unto them eternal life ; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all ; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from my Father ; for which of those works do ye stone me ? The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not ; but for blasphemy, and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law,

I said, Ye are gods ?

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came,—and the scripture cannot be broken,—say ye of him whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest ; because I said, I am the Son of God ? If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works : that ye may know and believe that the Father is in me, and I in him.

THEREFORE they sought again to take him ; but he escaped out of their hand, and went away again beyond Jordan, into the place where John at first baptized ; and there he abode. And many resorted unto him, and said, John did no miracle ; but all things that John spake of this man were true. And many believed on him there.

NOW a certain *man* was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, 4
but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified 5
thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. 6
When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two 7
days still in the same place where he was. Then after that saith 8
he to *his* disciples, Let us go into Judea again. *His* disciples say 9
unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and 10
goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve 11
hours in the day? if any man walk in the day, he stumbleth 12
not, because he seeth the light of this world; but if a man walk 13
in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. 14
These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our 15
friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of 16
sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do 17
well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought 18
that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus 19
unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead; and I am glad for your sakes 20
that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless, 21
let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didy- 22
mus, unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die 23
with him. 24

THEN when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the 17
grave four days already. (Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusa- 18
lem, about fifteen furlongs off.) And many of the Jews came to 19
Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20
Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went 21
and met him: but Mary sat *still* in the house. Then said Martha 22
unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not 23
died. But I know that, even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of 24
God, God will give *it* thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother 25
shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall 26
rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto 27
her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, 28
though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth, 29
and believeth in me, shall never die. Believest thou this? 'She 30
saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the 31
Son of God, which should come into the world. And when she 32
had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister 33
secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee. As 34
soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him. 35
Now Jesus was not yet come into the town, but was in that 36
place where Martha met him. The Jews then which were 37
with her in the house, and comforted her, when they saw Mary 38
that she rose up hastily and went out, followed her, saying, She 39
goeth unto the grave to weep there. Then when Mary was 40
come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, 41
saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had 42
not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the 43
Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the 44
spirit, and was troubled, 'and said, Where have ye laid him? 45
They say unto him, Lord, come and see. 'Jesus wept. 'Then 46

said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them 37
 said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind,
 have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus 38
 therefore again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave. It
 was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away 39
 the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto
 him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four
 days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that if thou 40
 wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then
 they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was
 laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, 'Father, I thank
 thee that thou hast heard me: and I knew that thou hearest me 42
 always: but because of the people which stand by, I said *it*,
 that they may believe that thou hast sent me.' And when he 43
 thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come
 forth! And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot 44
 with grave-clothes: and his face was bound about with a nap-
 kin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

THEN many of the Jews which came to Mary, and had seen 45
 the things which Jesus did, believed on him. But some of them 46
 went their ways to the Pharisees, and told them what things
 Jesus had done.

THEN gathered the chief priests and the Pharisees a council, 47
 and said, What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If 48
 we let him thus alone, all *men* will believe on him: and the
 Romans shall come, and take away both our place and nation.
 And one of them, *named* Caiaphas, being the high priest that 49
 same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor consider 50
 that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the
 people, and that the whole nation perish not. (And this spake 51
 he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied
 that Jesus should die for that nation; and not for that nation 52
 only, but that also he should gather together in one the children
 of God that were scattered abroad.) Then from that day forth 53
 they took counsel together for to put him to death.

JESUS therefore walked no more openly among the Jews; but 54
 went thence unto a country near to the wilderness, into a city
 called Ephraim, and there continued with his disciples. And 55
 the Jews' passover was nigh at hand: and many went out of the
 country up to Jerusalem before the passover, to purify them-
 selves. Then sought they for Jesus, and spake among them- 56
 selves, as they stood in the temple, What think ye, that he will
 not come to the feast? Now both the chief priests and the Phari- 57
 sees had given a commandment, that, if any man knew where
 he was, he should show *it*, that they might take him.

THEN Jesus, six days before the passover, came to Bethany, 12
 where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from
 the dead. There they made him a supper; and Martha served: 2
 but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him.
 Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, 3
 and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair:

and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then 4
saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, which 5
should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three 6
hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he 6
cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag,
and bare what was put therein. Then said Jesus, Let her alone: 7
against the day of my burying hath she kept this. For the poor 8
always ye have with you; but me ye have not always.

MUCH people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: 9
and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see 10
Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief 10
priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death: be- 11
cause that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and
believed on Jesus.

ON the next day, much people that were come to the feast, 12
when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 'took 13
branches of palm-trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried,
'Hosanna! Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the
name of the LORD!' And Jesus, when he had found a young 14
ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

Fear not, daughter of Sion :
Behold, thy King cometh,
Sitting on an ass's colt.

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These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when 16
Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were
written of him, and *that* they had done these things unto him.
The people therefore that was with him when he called Laza- 17
rus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record.
For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that 18
he had done this miracle. The Pharisees therefore said among 19
themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the
world is gone after him.

AND there were certain Greeks among them, that came up 20
to worship at the feast. The same came therefore to Philip, 21
which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir,
we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and 22
again, Andrew and Philip tell Jesus. And Jesus answered them, 23
saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glori-
fied. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall 24
into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth
forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he 25
that hateth his life in this world, shall keep it unto life eternal.
If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, 26
there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will
my Father honor. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I 27
say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came
I unto this hour. 'Father, glorify thy name. Then came there 28
a voice from heaven, *saying*,

'I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.'

The people therefore that stood by, and heard *it*, said that it 29
thundered; others said, An angel spake to him. Jesus answered 30

and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this 31 world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will 32 draw all *men* unto me. (This he said, signifying what death he 33 should die.) The people answered him, We have heard out of 34 the law that Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of man? 'Then 35 Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the 36 children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.

BUT though he had done so many miracles before them, yet 37 they believed not on him: that the saying of Esaias the prophet 38 might be fulfilled, which he spake,

LORD, who hath believed our report?
And to whom hath the arm of the LORD been revealed?

Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 39

He hath blinded their eyes,
And hardened their heart;
That they should not see with *their* eyes,
Nor understand with *their* heart,
And be converted, and I should heal them. 40

These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory, and spake of 41 him. Nevertheless, among the chief rulers also many believed 42 on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess *him*, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the 43 praise of men more than the praise of God.

JESUS cried, and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not 44 on me, but on him that sent me: and he that seeth me, seeth 45 him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that who- 46 soever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if 47 any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that 48 rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father 49 which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment 50 is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak.

NOW before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that 13 his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

AND supper being ended, (the Devil having now put into the 2 heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him,) Jesus knowing 3 that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; he riseth from supper, 4 and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that, he poureth water into a bason, and began to 5

wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe *them* with the towel where-
with he was girded. Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and 6
Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? Jesus an- 7
swered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now;
but thou shalt know hereafter. Peter saith unto him, 'Thou shalt 8
never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not,
thou hast no part with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, 9
not my feet only, but also *my* hands and *my* head. Jesus saith 10
to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash *his* feet, but
is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. For he knew 11
who should betray him: therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, 12
and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I
have done to you? Ye call me Master, and Lord: and ye say 13
well; for *so* I am. If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have 14
washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For 15
I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done
to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater 16
than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent
him. 'If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them. 'I 17
speak not of you all; I know whom I have chosen; but that the
scripture may be fulfilled,

He that eateth bread with me,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.

Now I tell you before it come, that when it is come to pass, ye 19
may believe that I am *he*. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He 20
that receiveth whomsoever I send, receiveth me; and he that
receiveth me, receiveth him that sent me.

WHEN Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in spirit, and tes- 21
tified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, That one of you
shall betray me. Then the disciples looked one on another, 22
doubting of whom he spake. Now there was leaning on Jesus' 23
bosom, one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter 24
therefore beckoned to him, that he should ask who it should be
of whom he spake. He then, lying on Jesus' breast, saith unto 25
him, Lord, who is it? Jesus answered, He it is to whom I shall 26
give a sop, when I have dipped *it*. And when he had dipped
the sop, he gave *it* to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. And 27
after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto
him, That thou doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table 28
knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some of *them* 29
thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto
him, Buy *those things* that we have need of against the feast; or,
that he should give something to the poor. He then, having 30
received the sop, went immediately out: and it was night.

THEREFORE, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the 31
Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God be 32
glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall
straightway glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am 33
with you. Ye shall seek me; and, as I said unto the Jews,
Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. A new 34

commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. Simon Peter said unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered him, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow me afterward. Peter said unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee now? I will lay down my life for thy sake. Jesus answered him, Wilt thou lay down thy life for my sake? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, *there* ye may be also. 'And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.' Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me, hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*. Show us the Father? Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself; but the Father, that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*. If ye love me, keep my commandments: and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; *even* the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you. Yet a little while, and the world seeth me no more, but ye see me: because I live, ye shall live also. At that day ye shall know that I *am* in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me, shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. Judas saith unto him, (not Iscariot,) Lord, how is it that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with

him. He that loveth me not, keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being *yet* present with you. But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come *again* unto you. If ye loved me ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye might believe. Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me. But that the world may know that I love the Father; and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

I AM the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 'Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh away; and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 'Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and *that* your joy might be full. This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you. Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 'These things I command you, That ye love one another. 'If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it* hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own; but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of

the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the 20
word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his
lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you:
if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also. But all 21
these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because
they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken 22
unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloak
for their sin. 'He that hateth me, hateth my Father also. 'If I 23
had not done among them the works which none other man did,
they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated
both me and my Father. But *this cometh to pass*, that the word 25
might be fulfilled that is written in their law,

They hated me without a cause.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you 26
from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from
the Father, he shall testify of me. And ye also shall bear wit- 27
ness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These 16
things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.
They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, 2
that whosoever killeth you, will think that he doeth God service.
And these things will they do unto you, because they have not 3
known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, 4
that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told
you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the be-
ginning, because I was with you.

BUT now I go my way to him that sent me, and none of you 5
asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have said these 6
things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless, I 7
tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away: for if
I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I 8
depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he 9
will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judg-
ment: 'of sin, because they believe not on me; 'of righteousness, 9
because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, 11
because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many 12
things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit, 13
when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all
truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he
shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will show you things to
come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and 14
shall show *it* unto you. All things that the Father hath are 15
mine: therefore said I, That he shall take of mine, and shall
show *it* unto you. A little while, and ye shall not see me: and 16
again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the
Father. Then said *some* of his disciples among themselves, 17
What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye shall
not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me: and,
Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this 18
that he saith, A little while? we cannot tell what he saith. Now 19
Jesus knew that they were desirous to ask him, and said unto
them, Do ye inquire among yourselves of that I said, A little

while, and ye shall not see me : and again, a little while, and ye shall see me ? Verily, verily, I say unto you, That ye shall weep 20 and lament, but the world shall rejoice : and ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman 31 when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come : but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world. And 22 ye now therefore have sorrow : but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you. 'And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say 23 unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name : 24 ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full. These 25 things have I spoken unto you in proverbs : but the time cometh when I shall no more speak unto you in proverbs, but I shall show you plainly of the Father. At that day ye shall ask in 26 my name : and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you : for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have 27 loved me, and have believed that I came out from God. I came 28 forth from the Father, and am come into the world : again, I leave the world, and go to the Father. His disciples said unto 29 him, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no proverb. Now are we sure that thou knowest all things, and needest not 30 that any man should ask thee : by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe ? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is now come, that ye shall 31 be scattered every man to his own, and shall leave me alone : 32 and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These 33 things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer : I have overcome the world.

THESE words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, 17 and said, Father, the hour is come ; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee : as thou hast given him power over 2 all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, 3 the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth : I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with 5 thine own self, with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. I have manifested thy name unto the men which 6 thou gavest me out of the world : thine they were, and thou gavest them me ; and they have kept thy word. Now they 7 have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee : for I have given unto them the words which thou 8 gavest me ; and they have received *them*, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them : I pray not for the world, 9 but for them which thou hast given me ; for they are thine. And 10 all mine are thine, and thine are mine ; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in 11

the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we *are*. While I was with them in the world, I kept 12 them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. And now come I to thee, and these things I 13 speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hath 14 hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of 15 the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 16 'Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 'As thou 17 hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also 19 might be sanctified through the truth. Neither pray I for these 20 alone; but for them also which shall believe on me through their word: that they all may be one; as thou, Father, *art* in me, and 21 I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. And the glory which thou 22 gavest me, I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; (I in them, and thou in me,) that they may be made 23 perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them as thou hast loved me. Father, I will 24 that they also whom thou hast given me be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory which thou hast given me; for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world. O 25 righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare *it*: 26 that the love wherewith thou hast loved me, may be in them, and I in them.

WHEN Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his 18 disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, and his disciples. And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oft-times resorted thither with his disciples. Judas then, having received a band of *men* 2 and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns, and torches, and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all things that should come upon him, went forth, and said unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am *he*. And Judas also, which betrayed him, stood with them. As soon then as he had said 6 unto them, I am *he*, they went backward, and fell to the ground. 'Then asked he them again, Whom seek ye? And they said, 7 Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus answered, I have told you that I am *he*. If therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: '(that the 9 saying might be fulfilled which he spake, Of them which thou gavest me, have I lost none.) Then Simon Peter, having a 10 sword, drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. 'Then said 11

Jesus unto Peter, Put up thy sword into the sheath: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

THEN the band, and the captain, and officers of the Jews, 12 took Jesus and bound him, 'and led him away to Annas first, 13 (for he was father-in-law to Caiaphas, which was the high priest that same year.) Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to 14 the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people. And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and *so did* another 15 disciple. That disciple was known unto the high priest, and went in with Jesus into the palace of the high priest. But Peter 16 stood at the door without. Then went out that other disciple which was known unto the high priest, and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. Then saith the damsel 17 that kept the door unto Peter, Art not thou also *one* of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. 'And the servants and officers 18 stood there, who had made a fire of coals: (for it was cold :) and they warmed themselves: and Peter stood with them, and warmed himself. The high priest then asked Jesus of his dis- 19 ciples, and of his doctrine. Jesus answered him, I spake openly 20 to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing. 'Why askest thou me? Ask them which heard me, 21 what I have said unto them: behold, they know what I said. And when he had thus spoken, one of the officers which stood 22 by, struck Jesus with the palm of his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken 23 evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? (Now Annas had sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high 24 priest.) 'And Simon Peter stood and warmed himself. They 25 said therefore unto him, Art not thou also *one* of his disciples? He denied *it*, and said, I am not. 'One of the servants of the 26 high priest (being *his* kinsman whose ear Peter cut off) saith, Did not I see thee in the garden with him? Peter then denied 27 again: and immediately the cock crew.

THEN led they Jesus from Caiaphas unto the hall of judg- 28 ment: and it was early; and they themselves went not into the judgment-hall, lest they should be defiled; but that they might eat the passover. Pilate then went out unto them, and said, 29 What accusation bring ye against this man? They answered 30 and said unto him, If he were not a malefactor, we would not have delivered him up unto thee. Then said Pilate unto them, 31 Take ye him, and judge him according to your law. The Jews therefore said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he 32 spake, signifying what death he should die. Then Pilate entered 33 into the judgment-hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? Jesus answered him, 34 Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did others tell it thee of me? 'Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation, and the 35 chief priests, have delivered thee unto me. What hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my 36

kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king 37 then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth, heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth? 38 And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find in him no fault *at all*. But ye have 39 a custom that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye, therefore, that I release unto you the King of the Jews? Then cried they all again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. 40 Now Barabbas was a robber. Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, 19 and scourged him. And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, 2 and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe, and 3 said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they smote him with their hands. Pilate therefore went forth again, and saith unto them, 4 Behold, I bring him forth to you, that ye may know that I find no fault in him. (Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of 5 thorns, and the purple robe.) And Pilate saith unto them, Behold the man! When the chief priests therefore and officers 6 saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him! crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify him: for I find 7 no fault in him. The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by our law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of 8 God. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he was the 8 more afraid; and went again into the judgment-hall, and saith 9 unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest 10 thou not, that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at* 11 *all* against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. And from 12 thenceforth Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou let this man go, thou art not Cesar's friend. Whosoever maketh himself a king, speaketh against Cesar. When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus forth, 13 and sat down in the judgment-seat, in a place that is called the Pavement, but in the Hebrew, Gabbatha. And it was the 14 preparation of the passover, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! But they cried out, 15 Away with him! away with him! crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Cesar. Then delivered he him 16 therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away.

AND he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the* 17 *place* of a scull, which is called in the Hebrew, Golgotha: where 18 they crucified him, and two others with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title, and put it on 19 the cross. And the writing was, 'JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING

OF THE JEWS.' This title then read many of the Jews: for the 20
place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it
was written in Hebrew, *and* Greek, *and* Latin. Then said the 21
chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the
Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews. Pilate answered, 22
What I have written, I have written. Then the soldiers, when 23
they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts,
to every soldier a part: and also *his* coat: now the coat was
without seam, woven from the top throughout. They said 24
therefore among themselves, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for
it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which
saith,

They parted my raiment among them,
And for my vesture they did cast lots.

These things therefore the soldiers did. Now there stood by the 25
cross of Jesus, his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the *wife*
of Cleophas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw 26
his mother, and the disciple standing by whom he loved, he
saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! Then saith he 27
to the disciple, Behold thy mother! And from that hour that dis-
ciple took her unto his own *home*. After this, Jesus knowing 28
that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might
be fulfilled, saith, "I thirst." Now there was set a vessel full 29
of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put *it* upon
hyssop, and put *it* to his mouth.

WHEN Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It 30
is finished! and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The 31
Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies
should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath-day, (for that
sabbath-day was a high day,) besought Pilate that their legs
might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. Then 32
came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the
other which was crucified with him. But when they came to 33
Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his
legs. But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and 34
forthwith came thereout blood and water. And he that saw *it*, 35
bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he
saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, 36
that the scriptures should be fulfilled,

A bone of him shall not be broken.

And again another scripture saith,

37

They shall look on him whom they pierced.

AND after this, Joseph of Arimathea (being a disciple of Jesus, 38
but secretly for fear of the Jews) besought Pilate, that he might
take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave *him* leave. He
came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. And there came 39
also Nicodemus (which at the first came to Jesus by night) and
brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds
weight. Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen 40
clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury.

Now in the place where he was crucified, there was a garden; 41
and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet
laid. There laid they Jesus therefore, because of the Jews' 42
preparation-day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.

THE first *day* of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, 20
when it was yet dark, unto the sepulchre, and seeth the stone
taken away from the sepulchre. Then she runneth, and cometh 2
to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved,
and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the
sepulchre, and we know not where they have laid him. Peter 3
therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the
sepulchre. So they ran both together: and the other disciple 4
did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulchre. And he 5
stooping down, *and looking in*, saw the linen clothes lying; yet
went he not in. Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and 6
went into the sepulchre, and seeth the linen clothes lie; and the 7
napkin that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes,
but wrapped together in a place by itself. Then went in also 8
that other disciple which came first to the sepulchre, and he saw,
and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he 9
must rise again from the dead. Then the disciples went away 10
again unto their own home.

But Mary stood without at the sepulchre, weeping; and as she 11
wept she stooped down *and looked* into the sepulchre, and seeth 12
two angels in white, sitting, the one at the head, and the other
at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. And they say 13
unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Be-
cause they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where 14
they have laid him. And when she had thus said, she turned 15
herself back, and saw Jesus standing, and knew not that it was
Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom 16
seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto
him, Sir, if thou have borne him hence, tell me where thou hast
laid him, and I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary! 17
She turned herself, and saith unto him, Rabboni! which is to
say, Master. Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not: for I am not 17
yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto
them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and *to my God*
and your God. Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples 18
that she had seen the Lord, and *that* he had spoken these things
unto her.

THEN the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the 19
week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were as-
sembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst,
and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. And when he had so 20
said, he showed unto them *his* hands and his side. Then were
the disciples glad when they saw the Lord. Then said Jesus 21
to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as *my* Father hath sent me,
even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on 22
them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost. Whose 23

soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; *and* whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.

BUT Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

AND many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

AFTER these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias: and on this wise showed he *himself*. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing. But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore; but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 'Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved, saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt *his* fisher's coat *unto him*, for he was naked, and did cast himself into the sea. And the other disciples came in a little ship (for they were not far from land, but as it were two hundred cubits) dragging the net with fishes. As soon then as they were come to land, they saw a fire of coals there, and fish laid thereon, and bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye have now caught. Simon Peter went up, and drew the net to land full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so many, yet was not the net broken. 'Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* dine. And none of the disciples durst ask him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus then cometh, and taketh bread, and giveth them, and fish likewise. This is now the third time that Jesus showed himself to his disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, 15

son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord: thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, 16 Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of 17 Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep. 'Verily, verily, I say 18 unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. This spake he, signi- 19 fying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Then Peter, turning 20 about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved, following; (which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?) Peter seeing him, saith to Jesus, Lord, 21 and what *shall* this man *do*? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that 22 he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? Follow thou me. Then went this saying abroad among the brethren, that that 23 disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, He shall not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what *is that* to thee? 24 THIS is the disciple which testifieth of these things, and wrote 25 these things: and we know that his testimony is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

THE former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that 1 Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was 2 taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the Apostles whom he had chosen: to whom 3 also he showed himself alive after his passion, by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: and being assembled together 4 with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, 'which,' saith 5 he, 'ye have heard of me: for John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.' When they therefore were come together, they asked 6 of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to 7 know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in his

own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

THEN returned they unto Jerusalem, from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath-day's journey. And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of the names together were about a hundred and twenty,) 'Men and brethren, this scripture 'must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the 'mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was 'guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered with us, 'and had obtained part of this ministry.'—(Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out: and it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.)—'For it is written in the book of Psalms,

Let his habitation be desolate,
And let no man dwell therein:

and,

His bishopric let another take.

'Wherefore of these men which have companied with us, all the 'time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning 'from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken 'up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of 'his resurrection.' And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, show whether of these two thou hast chosen, 'that he may take part of this ministry and Apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven Apostles.

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled

all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared
unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of
them, 'and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began
to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.
And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out
of every nation under heaven. Now when this was noised
abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, be-
cause that every man heard them speak in his own language.
And they were all amazed, and marvelled, saying one to another,
Behold, are not all these which speak, Galileans? And how hear
we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?—
Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Meso-
potamia, and in Judea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia,
'Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya
about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes,
'Cretes and Arabians,—we do hear them speak in our tongues
the wonderful works of God. And they were all amazed, and
were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? Others,
mocking, said, These men are full of new wine.

BUT Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice,
and said unto them, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at
Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:
for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is *but* the third
hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the
prophet Joel,

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God,
I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh :
And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams :
And on my servants, and on my handmaidens,
I will pour out in those days of my Spirit ;
And they shall prophesy :
And I will show wonders in heaven above,
And signs in the earth beneath ;
Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke,
The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before that great and notable day of the Lord come.
And it shall come to pass,
That whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord
Shall be saved.

Ye men of Israel, hear these words ; Jesus of Nazareth, a man
approved of God among you by miracles, and wonders, and
signs, (which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye your-
selves also know,) him, being delivered by the determinate
counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by
wicked hands have crucified and slain : whom God hath raised
up, having loosed the pains of death ; because it was not possible
that he should be holden of it. For David speaketh concerning him,

I foresaw the Lord always before my face ;
For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved :
Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad ;
Moreover also, my flesh shall rest in hope :
Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell,
Neither wilt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption
Thou hast made known to me the ways of life ;
Thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Men *and* brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; he, seeing this before, spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. For David is not ascended into the heavens; but he saith himself,

The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Until I make thy foes thy footstool.

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Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the Apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the LORD our God shall call. And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. Then they that gladly received his word, were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

AND fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the Apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 'praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Now Peter and John went up together into the temple, at the hour of prayer, *being* the ninth *hour*. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up:

and immediately his feet and ankle-bones received strength. And he, leaping up, stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: and they knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

AND as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw *it*, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let *him* go. But ye denied the Holy One, and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; and killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And his name, through faith in his name, hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him, hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did *it*, as *did* also your rulers. But those things which God before had showed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; and he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: whom the heaven must receive, until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets, since the world began. For Moses truly said unto the fathers, "A Prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you, of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things, whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul which will not hear that Prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Yea, and all the prophets, from Samuel, and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days. Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, "And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed." Unto you first, God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

AND as they spake unto the people, the priests, and the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees, came upon them, 'being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead. And they laid hands on them, and put *them* in hold unto the next day: for it was now eventide.

Howbeit, many of them which heard the word, believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand. 4

AND it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers, and elders, and scribes, 'and Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest, were gathered together at Jerusalem. And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, By what power, or by what name, have ye done this? Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Now, when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus. And beholding the man which was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, 'saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard. So, when they had further threatened them, they let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which was done. For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was showed. 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22

AND being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is; who, by the mouth of thy servant David, hast said, 23 24 25

Why did the heathen rage,
And the people imagine vain things?
The kings of the earth stood up,
And the rulers were gathered together,
Against the LORD,
And against his Christ.

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For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast 27

anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 'for to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. And now, LORD, behold their threatenings; and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 'by stretching forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

AND the multitude of them that believed were of one heart, and of one soul: neither said any of them that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. And with great power gave the Apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands, or houses, sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them down at the Apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. And Joses, who by the Apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus, 'having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the Apostles' feet. But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 'and kept back part of the price, (his wife also being privy to it,) and brought a certain part, and laid it at the Apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thy heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghost. And great fear came on all them that heard these things. And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him. And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much? And she said, Yea, for so much. Then Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out. Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost. And the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying her forth, buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. And by the hands of the Apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people;—(and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch: and of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them: and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women;)—insomuch that they brought

forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them. There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits; and they were healed every one. 16

THEN the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the Sadducees,) and were filled with indignation, 'and laid their hands on the Apostles, and put them in the common prison. But the angel of the LORD by night opened the prison-doors, and brought them forth, and said, 'Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life. And when they heard *that*, they entered into the temple early in the morning, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. But when the officers came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told, 'saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. Now, when the high priest, and the captain of the temple, and the chief priests, heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow. Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in the temple, and teaching the people. Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned. And when they had brought them, they set *them* before the council: and the high priest asked them, 'saying, Did not we straitly command you, that ye should not teach in this name? and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us. Then Peter and the *other* Apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree: him hath God exalted with his right hand *to be* a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. And we are his witnesses of these things; and *so is* also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him. When they heard *that*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to slay them. Then stood there up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put the Apostles forth a little space; and said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men: for before these days rose up Theudas, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought. After this man rose up Judas of Galilee, in the days of the taxing, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed. And now I 38

say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought: but 39
 if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God. And to him they agreed: and when 40
 they had called the Apostles, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing 41
 that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name: and daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to 42
 teach and preach Jesus Christ.

AND in those days, when the number of the disciples was 6
 multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily 2
 ministration. Then the twelve called the multitude of the 3
 disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Wherefore, brethren, 3
 look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to 4
 the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole 5
 multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch, 'whom they 6
 set before the Apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid 7
their hands on them. And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

AND Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and 8
 miracles among the people. Then there arose certain of the 9
 synagogue, which is called *the synagogue* of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia, and of Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the 10
 wisdom and the spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned 11
 men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and *against* God. And they stirred up the people, 12
 and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to the council, 'and set up false witnesses, 13
 which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law: for we have heard him say, 14
 that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered us. And all that sat 15
 in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. Then said the high priest, Are these 7
 things so? And he said, Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken: 2
 The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, 'and said unto him, "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show thee." Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, 4
 and dwelt in Charran. And from thence, when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to 5
 set his foot on: yet he promised that he would give it to him for
 a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no
 child. And God spake on this wise, "That his seed should 6
 sojourn in a strange land; and that they should
 bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil 7
 four hundred years. And the nation to whom they
 shall be in bondage will I judge," said God: "and 8
 after that shall they come forth, and serve me in
 this place." And he gave him the covenant of circumcision. 9
 And so *Abraham* begat *Isaac*, and circumcised him the eighth
 day; and *Isaac* begat *Jacob*, and *Jacob* begat the twelve patri- 10
 archs. And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold *Joseph* into
 Egypt: but God was with him, 'and delivered him out of all his 11
 afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom in the sight of
 Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt,
 and all his house. Now there came a dearth over all the land 12
 of Egypt and Chanaan, and great affliction; and our fathers found
 no sustenance. But when *Jacob* heard that there was corn in 13
 Egypt, he sent out our fathers first. And at the second *time* *Joseph*
 was made known to his brethren: and *Joseph's* kindred was 14
 made known unto Pharaoh. Then sent *Joseph*, and called his
 father *Jacob* to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen 15
 souls. So *Jacob* went down into Egypt, and died, he, and our
 fathers, 'and were carried over into *Sychem*, and laid in the 16
 sepulchre that *Abraham* bought for a sum of money of the sons
 of *Emmor*, the father of *Sychem*. But when the time of the 17
 promise drew nigh, which God had sworn to *Abraham*, the
 people grew and multiplied in Egypt, 'till another king arose, 18
 which knew not *Joseph*. The same dealt subtilly with our
 kindred, and evil-entreated our fathers, so that they cast out 19
 their young children, to the end they might not live. In which
 time *Moses* was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up 20
 in his father's house three months: and when he was cast out,
 Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own 21
 son. And *Moses* was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians,
 and was mighty in words and in deeds. And when he was full 22
 forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the
 children of Israel. And seeing one of *them* suffer wrong, he 23
 defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote
 the Egyptian: for he supposed his brethren would have under- 24
 stood how that God by his hand would deliver them: but they
 understood not. And the next day he showed himself unto 25
 them as they strove, and would have set them at one again,
 saying, "Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one 26
 to another?" But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him
 away, saying, "Who made thee a ruler and a judge 27
 over us? wilt thou kill me, as thou didst the
 Egyptian yesterday?" Then fled *Moses* at this saying, and 28
 was a stranger in the land of *Madian*, where he begat two sons.
 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in 29
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the wilderness of mount Sina, an angel of the LORD in a flame
of fire in a bush. When Moses saw *it*, he wondered at the 31
sight; and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of the LORD
came unto him, '*saying*, "I *am* the God of thy fathers, 32
the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the
God of Jacob." Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.
Then said the LORD to him, "Put off thy shoes from thy 33
feet: for the place where thou standest is holy
ground. I have seen, I have seen the affliction of 34
my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard
their groaning, and am come down to deliver them.
And now come, I will send thee into Egypt." 'This 35
Moses, whom they refused, saying, "Who made thee a ruler
and a judge?" the same did God send *to be* a ruler and a
deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in
the bush. He brought them out, after that he had showed 36
wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and
in the wilderness forty years. This is that Moses, which said 37
unto the children of Israel, "A prophet shall the LORD
your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like
unto me; him shall ye hear." This is he, that was in the 38
church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in
the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively
oracles to give unto us: to whom our fathers would not obey, 39
but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again
into Egypt, '*saying* unto Aaron, "Make us Gods to go be- 40
fore us: for *us for* this Moses, which brought us out
of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become
of him." And they made a calf in those days, and offered 41
sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own
hands. Then God turned, and gave them up to worship the 42
host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,

O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices

By the space of forty years in the wilderness?

Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch,

And the star of your god Remphan,

Figures which ye made to worship them:

And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

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Our fathers had the tabernacle of witness in the wilderness, as 44
he had appointed, speaking unto Moses, that he should make it
according to the fashion that he had seen. Which also our 45
fathers, that came after, brought in with Jesus* into the possession
of the Gentiles, whom God drave out before the face of our
fathers, unto the days of David. 'who found favor before God, and 46
desired to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob. But Solomon 47
built him a house. Howbeit, the Most High dwelleth not in
temples made with hands: as saith the prophet,

Heaven is my throne, and earth is my footstool:

What house will ye build me? saith the LORD:

Or what is the place of my rest?

Hath not my hand made all these things?

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Ye stiff-necked! and uncircumcised in heart and ears! ye do al- 51
ways resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye. Which 52
of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they
have slain them which showed before of the coming of the
Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and mur-
derers; who have received the law by the disposition of angels, 53
and have not kept *it*.

WHEN they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and 54
they gnashed on him with *their* teeth. But he, being full of the 55
Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory
of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 'and said, 56
Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing
on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud 57
voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
'and cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses 58
laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was
Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon *God*, and saying, 59
Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried 60
with a loud voice, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.' And
when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting 8
unto his death.

AND at that time there was a great persecution against the
church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered
abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except
the Apostles. And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, 2
and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made 3
havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men
and women, committed *them* to prison.

THEREFORE they that were scattered abroad went every where 4
preaching the word. Then Philip went down to the city of 5
Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with 6
one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake,
hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean 7
spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were pos-
sessed *with them*: and many taken with palsies, and that were
lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But 8,9
there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the
same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria,
giving out that himself was some great one: to whom they all 10
gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the
great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that 11
of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when 12
they believed Philip, preaching the things concerning the king-
dom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized
both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and 13
when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered,
beholding the miracles and signs which were done. Now when 14
the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had
received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:
who, when they were come down, prayed for them that they 15
might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon 16

none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the Apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, 'saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thy heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and *in* the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

AND the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south, unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose, and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, 'was returning; and sitting in his chariot, read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up, and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this,

He was led as a sheep to the slaughter;
And like a lamb dumb before his shearer,
So opened he not his mouth:
In his humiliation his judgment was taken away:
And who shall declare his generation?
For his life is taken from the earth.

And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here* is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through, he preached in all the cities, till he came to Cesarea.

AND Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter 9
 against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high-priest, 'and 2
 desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he
 found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he 3
 might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, 3
 he came near Damascus; and suddenly there shined round
 about him a light from heaven: and he fell to the earth, and 4
 heard a voice saying unto him, Saul! Saul! why persecutest
 thou me? 'And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, 5
 I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. *It is hard for thee to kick*
against the pricks. And he trembling, and astonished, said, Lord, 6
 what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* unto him,
 Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou
 must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speech- 7
 less, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from 8
 the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but
 they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into Damascus, 'and 9
 he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.

AND there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ana- 10
 nias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he
 said, Behold, *I am here*, Lord. And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, 11
 and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the
 house of Judas for *one* called Saul of Tarsus; for behold he pray-
 eth, 'and hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias, coming in, 12
 and putting *his* hand on him, that he might receive his sight.
 'Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this 13
 man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: and 14
 here he hath authority from the chief priests, to bind all that call
 on thy name. But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is 15
 a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles,
 and kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how 16
 great things he must suffer for my name's sake. And Ananias 17
 went his way, and entered into the house: and putting his hands
 on him, said, Brother Saul, the Lord (*even Jesus*, that appeared unto
 thee in the way as thou camest,) hath sent me, that thou mightest
 receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And imme- 18
 diately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he re-
 ceived sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized, 'and when 19
 he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul
 certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus. And 20
 straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the
 Son of God. But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said, Is 21
 not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in
 Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring
 them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the 22
 more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Da-
 mascus, proving that 'this is very Christ.' And after that many 23
 days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him. But their 24
 laying wait was known of Saul. And they watched the gates
 day and night to kill him. Then the disciples took him by night, 25
 and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

AND when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join 26 himself to the disciples: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him, and 27 brought *him* to the Apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem. 28 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed 29 against the Grecians. But they went about to slay him. *'Which* 30 when the brethren knew, they brought him down to Cesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

THEN had the churches rest throughout all Judea, and Galilee, 31 and Samaria, and were edified: and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

AND it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all *quarters*, 32 he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda. And there he found a certain man named Eneas, which had kept his 33 bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy. And Peter said unto 34 him, Eneas, Jesus Christ makeith thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he arose immediately. *'And all that dwelt in* 35 Lydda and Saron saw him, and turned to the Lord.

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, 36 (which by interpretation is called Dorcas:) this woman was full of good works and alms-deeds which she did. And it came to pass 37 in those days, that she was sick, and died; whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as 38 Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose, and went 39 with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled 40 down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body, said, Tabitha, arise! And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up: and he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up; and when 41 he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa: and many believed in 42 the Lord. And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in 43 Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

THERE was a certain man in Cesarea, called Cornelius, a 10 centurion of the band called the Italian *band*. *'a devout man*, and 2 one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. He saw in a vision evi- 3 dently, about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius! And when he looked 4 on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memo- 5 rial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and call for *one* 6 Simon, whose surname is Peter: he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea-side: he shall tell thee what

thou oughtest to do. And when the angel which spake unto 7
 Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants,
 and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;
 and when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent 8
 them to Joppa.

On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh 9
 unto the city, Peter went up upon the house-top to pray, about
 the sixth hour: and he became very hungry, and would have 10
 eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance, 'and saw 11
 heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it
 had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to
 the earth: wherein were all manner of four-footed beasts of the 12
 earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.
 And there came a voice to him, 'Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.' 13
 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing 14
 that is common or unclean. And the voice *spake* unto him again 15
 the second time, What God hath cleansed, *that* call not thou com-
 mon. This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up 16
 again into heaven. Now while Peter doubted in himself what 17
 this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men
 which were sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's
 house, and stood before the gate, 'and called and asked whether 18
 Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. While 19
 Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold,
 three men seek thee; arise therefore, and get thee down, and go 20
 with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. Then Peter 21
 went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius;
 and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause
 wherefore ye are come? And they said, Cornelius the centurion, 22
 a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among
 all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by a holy angel
 to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee. Then 23
 called he them in, and lodged *them*.

And on the morrow Peter went away with them. And certain
 brethren from Joppa accompanied him. And the morrow after 24
 they entered into Cesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and
 had called together his kinsmen and near friends. And as Peter 25
 was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and
 worshipped *him*. But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up: I 26
 myself also am a man. And as he talked with him, he went in, 27
 and found many that were come together. And he said unto 28
 them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is
 a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation;
 but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common
 or unclean. Therefore came I *unto you* without gainsaying, as 29
 soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have
 sent for me? And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting 30
 until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and
 behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, 'and said, Cor- 31
 nelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remem-
 brance in the sight of God: Send therefore to Joppa, and call 32

hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of *one* Simon a tanner, by the sea-side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee. Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God. 33

THEN Peter opened *his* mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. The word which *God* sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 'that word, *I say*, ye know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the Devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: him God raised up the third day, and showed him openly,—not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him,—after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God *to be* the Judge of quick and dead. To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. . . . 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43

WHILE Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed, were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost, 'for they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 'Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days. 44 45 46 47 48

AND the Apostles and brethren that were in Judea, heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 'saying, 'Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descending, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me: upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air. And I heard a voice saying unto me, Rise, Peter: slay, and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord; for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth. But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common. And this was 11 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven. And behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Cesarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover, these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house: and he showed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said; 'John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.' Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, what was I that I could withstand God? When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life!

NOW they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about Stephen, travelled as far as Phenice, and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to none but unto the Jews only. And some of them were men of Cyprus and Cyrene, which when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the Grecians, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.

THEN tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem, and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost, and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. Then departed Barnabas to Tarsus, for to seek Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called CHRISTIANS first in Antioch.

AND in these days came prophets from Jerusalem to Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit, that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: (which came to pass in the days of Claudius Cesar.) Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judea. Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

NOW about that time, Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to take Peter also, (then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer

was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him. And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains; and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And behold, the angel of the Lord came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly! And his chains fell off from *his* hands. 'And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals: and so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him, and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision. When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the LORD hath sent his angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and *from* all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together, praying. And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. Then said they, It is his angel. 'But Peter continued knocking. And when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished. But he beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the LORD had brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go show these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went into another place. Now as soon it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers, and commanded that *they* should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Cesarea, and *there* abode.

AND Herod was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon. But they came with one accord to him, and having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace, because their country was nourished by the king's *country*. And upon a set day, Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people gave a shout, *saying*, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately the angel of the LORD smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost. But the word of God grew and multiplied.

AND Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled *their* ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark. Now there were in the church that was at Antioch, certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon

that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

So they being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had also John to *their* minister. And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-jesus; which was with the Deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God. But Elymas--the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation)--withstood them, seeking to turn away the Deputy from the faith. Then Saul, (who also *is called* Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him, and said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the Devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? And now behold, the hand of the Lord *is* upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand. Then the Deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Now when Paul and his company loosed from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departing from them, returned to Jerusalem. But when they departed from Perga, they came to Antioch in Pisidia, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath-day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men *and* brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on. Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand, said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience. The God of this people of Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm brought he them out of it. And about the time of forty years suffered he their manners in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Chanaan, he divided their land to them by lot. And after that, he gave *unto them* judges, about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king: to whom also he gave testimony and said, "I have found David the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will." Of this man's seed hath God, according to *his* promise, raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus: when John had first preached--be-

fore His coming—the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John fulfilled his course, he said, ‘Who think ye 25 that I am? I am not *he*. But behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of *his* feet I am not worthy to loose.’ Men and 26 brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent. For they that dwell at Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they 27 knew him not, nor yet the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath-day, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *him*. And though they found no cause of death *in him*, yet desired they 28 Pilate that he should be slain. And when they had fulfilled all 29 that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sepulchre. But God raised him from the dead: 30 and he was seen many days of them which came up with him 31 from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people. And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise 32 which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same 33 unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again: as it is also written in the second Psalm,

Thou art my son,
This day have I begotten thee.

And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, *now* no 34 more to return to corruption, he said on this wise,

I will give you the sure mercies of David.

Wherefore, he saith also in another *psalm*, 35

Thou shalt not suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

For David, after he had served his own generation by the will 36 of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption: but he whom God raised again, saw no corruption. 37 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through 38 this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by him 39 all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware, therefore, lest 40 that come upon you which is spoken of in the prophets;

Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: 41
For I work a work in your days,
A work which ye shall in no wise believe,
Though a man declare it unto you.

AND when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gen- 42 tiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath. Now, when the congregation was broken up, 43 many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God. And the next sabbath-day came almost the 44 whole city together to hear the word of God. But when the 45 Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and 46 said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge your-

selves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles: for so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*,

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I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles,
That thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. But the Jews stirred up the devout and honorable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them out of their coasts. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

AND it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude, both of the Jews, and also of the Greeks, believed. But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil-affected against the brethren. Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands. But the multitude of the city was divided: and part held with the Jews, and part with the Apostles. And when there was an assault made both of the Gentiles, and also of the Jews, with their rulers, to use *them* despitefully, and to stone them, 'they were ware of it, and fled unto Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and unto the region that lieth round about: and there they preached the gospel.

AND there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked. 'And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, 'The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men!' And they called Barnabas, Jupiter; and Paul, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker. Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people. Which when the Apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out, 'and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you, that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein: who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways: nevertheless, he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.

AND there came thither *certain* Jews from Antioch, and Ico-

nium, who persuaded the people, and having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

AND when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, 'confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and 'that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.' And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed. And after they had passed throughout Pisidia, they came to Pamphylia. And when they had preached the word in Perga, they went down into Attalia: and thence sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been recommended to the grace of God, for the work which they fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. And there they abode long time with the disciples.

AND certain men which came down from Judea, taught the brethren, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of Moses, ye cannot be saved. When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the Apostles and elders about this question. And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through Phenice and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the Apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees, which believed, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses.

AND the Apostles and elders came together to consider of this matter. And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago, God made choice among us, that the Gentiles, by my mouth, should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us: and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe, that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we shall be saved, even as they. Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul, declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me. Simeon hath de-

clared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the 15 prophets; as it is written,

After this I will return,
And will build again the tabernacle of David,
Which is fallen down;
And I will build again the ruins thereof,
And I will set it up:
That the residue of men might seek after the Lord,
And all the Gentiles,
Upon whom my name is called,
Saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. 16 17

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the 18 world. Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, 19 which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: but that we 20 write unto them that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood. For 21 Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath-day.

THEN pleased it the Apostles and elders, with the whole 22 church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch, with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas surnamed Barsabas, and Silas, chief men among the brethren: and they wrote *letters* by 23 them after this manner:

'The Apostles, and elders, and brethren, *send* greeting unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch, and Syria, and Cilicia. Forasmuch as 24 we have heard, that certain which went out from us, have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep the law; to whom we gave no *such* commandment: it seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you, with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men that have hazarded their lives for the name of 25 our Lord Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary 26 things; that ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.' 27 28 29

So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and 30 when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle. Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the 31 consolation. And Judas and Silas being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed 32 them. And after they had tarried *there* a space, they were let 33 go in peace from the brethren unto the Apostles. Notwithstanding, it pleased Silas to abide there still. Paul also and Barnabas 34 continued in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also. 35

AND some days after, Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us go 36 again and visit our brethren, in every city where we have preached the word of the Lord, *and see* how they do. And Barnabas determined to take with them John, whose surname was Mark. But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who 37 departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work. And the contention was so sharp between them, 38 39

that they departed asunder one from the other: and so Barnabas took Mark, and sailed unto Cyprus. And Paul chose Silas, and departed, being recommended by the brethren unto the grace of God. And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches. Then came he to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timotheus; the son of a certain woman which was a Jewess; and believed, but his father was a Greek: who was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him, because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek. And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the Apostles and elders who were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.

Now, when they had gone throughout Phrygia, and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia; after they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: but the Spirit suffered them not. And they passing by Mysia, came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, 'Come over into Macedonia, and help us.' And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavored to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering, that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

THEREFORE loosing from Troas, we came with a straight course to Samothracia, and the next *day* to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony: and we were in that city abiding certain days. And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women who resorted *thither*. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

AND it came to pass as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination, met us, who brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: the same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which show unto us the way of salvation. And this did she many days. But Paul being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. 'And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers, and brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our

city, and teach customs which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat *them*. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely. Who having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

AND at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison-doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas; and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. And when it was day, the magistrates sent the sergeants, saying, Let those men go. And the keeper of the prison told this saying to Paul, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace. But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us openly, uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily? nay, verily; but let them come themselves, and fetch us out. And the sergeants told these words unto the magistrates: and they feared when they heard that they were Romans. And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city. And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of* Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

NOW when they had passed through Amphipolis, and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews. And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath-days reasoned with them out of the scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that 'this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.' And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas: and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. But the Jews who believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of Jason, and sought

to bring them out to the people. And when they found them 6
 not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the
 city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down, are
 come hither also! 'whom Jason hath received: and these all do 7
 contrary to the decrees of Cesar, saying, That there is another
 king, *one* Jesus. And they troubled the people, and the rulers 8
 of the city, when they heard these things. And when they had 9
 taken security of Jason and of the other, they let them go. And 10
 the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto
 Berea: who coming *thither*, went into the synagogue of the Jews.
 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they 11
 received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the
 scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many 12
 of them believed; also of honorable women which were Greeks,
 and of men not a few. But when the Jews of Thessalonica had 13
 knowledge that the word of God was preached of Paul at Berea,
 they came thither also, and stirred up the people. And then im- 14
 mediately the brethren sent away Paul, to go, as it were, to the
 sea: but Silas and Timotheus abode there still. And they that 15
 conducted Paul brought him unto Athens: and receiving a com-
 mandment unto Silas and Timotheus for to come to him with all
 speed, they departed.

Now, while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was 16
 stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.
 Therefore disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with 17
 the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met
 with him. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and 18
 of the Stoics, encountered him. And some said, What will this
 babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of
 strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the re-
 surrection. And they took him, and brought him unto Areopa- 19
 gus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou
 speakest, is? For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears; 20
 we would know therefore what these things mean. (For all the 21
 Athenians and strangers which were there, spent their time in
 nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.) Then 22
 Paul stood in the midst of Mars-hill, and said, Ye men of Athens,
 I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I 23
 passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this
 inscription, 'TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.' Whom therefore ye igno-
 rantly worship, him declare I unto you. God that made the 24
 world, and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven
 and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands: neither is 25
 worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing,
 seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things: and hath 26
 made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of
 the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and
 the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, 27
 if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be
 not far from every one of us; for in him we live, and move, and
 have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, 28

'For we are also his offspring.'

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not 29
to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone,
graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance 30
God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to
repent: because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will 31
judge the world in righteousness, by *that* man whom he hath or-
dained; *whereof* he hath given assurance unto all *men*, in that
he hath raised him from the dead. . . .

AND when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some 32
mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.
'So Paul departed from among them. 'Howbeit, certain men 33
clave unto him, and believed: among the which *was* Dionysius
the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with
them.

AFTER these things, Paul departed from Athens, and came 18
to Corinth, 'and found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in 2
Pontus, lately come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, (because
that Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome,)
and came unto them. And because he was of the same craft, 3
he abode with them, and wrought, (for by their occupation they
were tent-makers.) And he reasoned in the synagogue every 4
sabbath, and persuaded the Jews and the Greeks. And when 5
Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was
pressed in spirit, and testified to the Jews *that* Jesus *was* Christ.
And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook 6
his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own
heads: *I am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.
And he departed thence, and entered into a certain *man's* house, 7
named Justus, *one* that worshipped God, whose house joined hard
to the synagogue. And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, 8
believed on the Lord with all his house: and many of the Co-
rinthians hearing, believed, and were baptized. Then spake the 9
Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak,
and hold not thy peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall 10
set on thee, to hurt thee; for I have much people in this city.
And he continued *there* a year and six months, teaching the word 11
of God among them.

AND when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia, the Jews made 12
insurrection with one accord against Paul, and brought him to
the judgment-seat, 'saying, This *fellow* persuadeth men to worship 13
God contrary to the law. And when Paul was now about to open 14
his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If it were a matter of wrong
or wicked lewdness, O *ye* Jews, reason would that I should bear
with you: but if it be a question of words and names, and *of* your 15
law, look ye *to it*: for I will be no judge of such *matters*. And he 16
drove them from the judgment-seat. Then all the Greeks took 17
Sosthenes, the chief ruler of the synagogue, and beat *him* before
the judgment-seat. And Gallio cared for none of those things

AND Paul *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then 18
took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into Syria, and

with him Priscilla, and Aquila; having shorn *his* head in Cenchrea: for he had a vow. And he came to Ephesus, and left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue and reasoned with the Jews. When they desired *him* to tarry longer time with them, he consented not: but bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus. And when he had landed at Cesarea, and gone up and saluted the church, he went down to Antioch.

AND after he had spent some time *there*, he departed and went over *all* the country of Galatia and Phrygia in order, strengthening all the disciples. And a certain Jew, named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man was instructed in the way of the Lord: and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom, when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly. And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace. For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures, that Jesus was Christ.

AND it came to pass, that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts, came to Ephesus; and finding certain disciples, ' he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 'Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, That they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid *his* hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And all the men were about twelve. And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God. But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick, handkerchiefs, or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

THEN certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits, the name of the Lord

Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of *one* Sceva a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was, leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus: and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. And many that believed came, and confessed, and showed their deeds. Many also of them which used curious arts, brought their books together, and burned them before all *men*; and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver. So mightily grew the word of God, and prevailed.

AFTER these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia, and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. So he sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timotheus and Erastus; *but* he himself stayed in Asia for a season. And the same time there arose no small stir about that way. For a certain *man* named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for Diana, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen; whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth: moreover, ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying, That they be no gods which are made with hands. So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at naught; but also that the temple of the great goddess Diana should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all Asia, and the world, worshippeth. And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians! And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in travel, they rushed with one accord into the theatre. And when Paul would have entered in unto the people, the disciples suffered him not. And certain of the chief of Asia, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was confused, and the more part knew not wherefore they were come together. And they drew Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward, And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people. But when they knew that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great is Diana of the Ephesians! And when the town-clerk had appeased the people, he said, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there that knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is a worshipper of the great goddess Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from Jupiter? Seeing then that these things cannot be

spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly. For ye have brought hither these men, which are neither robbers 37 of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess. Wherefore, 38 if Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him, have a matter against any man, the law is open, and there are deputies: let them implead one another. But if ye inquire any thing con- 39 cerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly. For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's up- 40 roar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the 41 assembly.

AND after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto *him* the 20 disciples, and embraced *them*, and departed to go into Macedonia. And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them 2 much exhortation, he came into Greece, ' and *there* abode three 3 months. And when the Jews laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into Syria, he purposed to return through Macedonia. And there accompanied him into Asia, Sopater of Berea; and of 4 the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus, and Trophimus. These going before, tarried for us at Troas. And we sailed 5, 6 away from Philippi, after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days.

AND upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came 7 together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, (ready to depart on the morrow) and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they 8 were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain 9 young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. And Paul 10 went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him*, said, Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him. When he therefore was 11 come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. And they 12 brought the young man alive, and were not a little comforted. And we went before to ship, and sailed unto Assos, there in- 13 tending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, minding himself to go afoot. And when he met with us at Assos, we took him 14 in, and came to Mitylene. And we sailed thence, and came the 15 next *day* over against Chios; and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and tarried at Trogyllium; and the next *day* we came to Miletus. For Paul had determined to sail by Ephesus, because 16 he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

AND from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called the elders of 17 the church. And when they were come to him, he said unto 18 them, ' Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after ' what manner I have been with you at all seasons, serving the 19 ' Lord with all *humility* of mind, and with many tears and tempta-

'tions, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews, 'and 20
 'how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have
 'showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to
 'house, 'testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, 21
 'repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
 'And now behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not 22
 'knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the 23
 'Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying, That bonds and
 'afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither 24
 'count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my
 'course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the
 'Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. And now, 25
 'behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching
 'the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more. Wherefore I 26
 'take you to record this day, that I *am* pure from the blood of all
 'men, for I have not shunned to declare unto you all the coun- 27
 'sel of God. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the 28
 'flock over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers,
 'to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his
 'own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall 29
 'grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also 30
 'of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things to
 'draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch; and re- 31
 'member, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn
 'every one night and day with tears. And now, brethren, I com- 32
 'mend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to
 'build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them
 'which are sanctified. I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or 33
 'apparel. Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have min- 34
 'istered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. I 35
 'have showed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to
 'support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord
 'Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."'
 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed 36
 with them all. And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, 37
 and kissed him, 'sorrowing most of all for the words which he 38
 spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accom-
 panied him unto the ship.

And it came to pass, that after we were gotten from them, and 21
 had launched, we came with a straight course unto Coos, and
 the *day* following unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara;
 and finding a ship sailing over unto Phenicia, we went aboard, 2
 and set forth. Now when we had discovered Cyprus, we left it 3
 on the left hand, and sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre: for
 there the ship was to unlade her burden. And finding disciples, 4
 we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the
 Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem. And when we 5
 had accomplished those days, we departed, and went our way;
 and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till
 we were out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and
 prayed. And when we had taken our leave one of another, we 6

took ship; and they returned home again. And when we had 7
 finished *our* course from Tyre, we came to Ptolemais, and saluted
 the brethren, and abode with them one day. And the next *day* 8
 we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Cesa-
 rea; and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist,
 which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him. And the 9
 same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy. And 10
 as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judea a
 certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto 11
 us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and
 said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem
 bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into
 the hands of the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, 12
 both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to
 Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep, and 13
 to break my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also
 to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. And when 14
 he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the
 Lord be done. And after those days we took up our carriages, 15
 and went up to Jerusalem. There went with us also *certain* of 16
 the disciples of Cesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of
 Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

AND when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received 17
 us gladly. And the *day* following, Paul went in with us unto 18
 James: and all the elders were present. And when he had sa- 19
 luted them, he declared particularly what things God had
 wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. And when they 20
 heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him, Thou seest,
 brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe;
 and they are all zealous of the law; 'and they are informed of 21
 thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gen-
 tiles to forsake Moses, saying, That they ought not to circum-
 cise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs. What is 22
 it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they
 will hear that thou art come. Do therefore this that we say to 23
 thee: We have four men which have a vow on them; 'them 24
 take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them,
 that they may shave *their* heads: and all may know that those
 things whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing;
 but *that* thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.
 As touching the Gentiles which believe, we have written *and* 25
 concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they
 keep themselves from *things* offered to idols, and from blood,
 and from strangled, and from fornication. Then Paul took the 26
 men, and the next day purifying himself with them, entered into
 the temple, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purifica-
 tion, until that an offering should be offered for every one of
 them.

AND when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews, which 27
 were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all
 the people, and laid hands on him, 'crying out, Men of Israel, 28

help. This is the man that teacheth all *men* everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place: and further, brought Greeks also into the temple; and hath polluted this holy place. (For they had seen before with him in the city, Trophimus, an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul and drew him out of the temple. And forthwith the doors were shut. 'And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar; who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them. And when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul. Then the chief captain came near and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains: and demanded who he was, and what he had done. And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude: and when he could not know the certainty for the tumult, he commanded him to be carried into the castle. And when he came upon the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the soldiers, for the violence of the people. For the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him! And as Paul was to be led into the castle, he said unto the chief captain, May I speak unto thee? Who said, Canst thou speak Greek? Art not thou that Egyptian, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers? But Paul said, I am a man *which am* a Jew of Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, suffer me to speak unto the people.

AND when he had given him license, Paul stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying, 'Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you—(and when they heard that he spake in the Hebrew tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)—'I am verily a man *which am* a Jew, born in Tarsus, *a city* in Cilicia, yet brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, *and* taught according to the perfect manner of the law of the fathers, and was zealous toward God, as ye all are this day. And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women. As also the high-priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders; from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and went to Damascus, to bring them which were there bound unto Jerusalem for to be punished. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me. And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul! Saul! why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me. And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said

unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus, and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good report of all the Jews which dwelt *there*, ' came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And the same hour I looked up upon him. And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord. And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to Jerusalem, even while I prayed in the temple, I was in a trance; and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem; for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me. And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned, and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee; and when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him. And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence unto the Gentiles.

AND they gave him audience unto this word, and *then* lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a *fellow* from the earth! for it is not fit that he should live! And as they cried out, and cast off *their* clothes, and threw dust into the air, ' the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him. And as they bound him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? When the centurion heard *that*, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest; for this man is a Roman. Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea. ' And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free-born*. Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

ON the morrow, because he would have known the certainty wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from *his* bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them. And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day. . . .

AND the high-priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him, to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall! for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the

law? And they that stood by, said, Revilest thou God's high- 4
priest? Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high- 5
priest: for it is written, "Thou shalt not speak evil of
the ruler of thy people." But when Paul perceived that 6
the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried
out in the council, Men *and* brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son
of a Pharisee: of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am
called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissen- 7
sion between the Pharisees and the Sadducees: and the multi-
tude was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resur- 8
rection, neither angel nor spirit: but the Pharisees confess both.
And there arose a great cry: and the Scribes *that were* of the 9
Pharisees' part arose, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this
man: but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not
fight against God.

AND when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, 10
fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them,
commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force
from among them, and to bring *him* into the castle.

AND the night following, the Lord stood by him, and said, Be 11
of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusa-
lem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome. And when it was 12
day, certain of the Jews banded together, and bound themselves
under a curse, saying, That they would neither eat nor drink till
they had killed Paul. And they were more than forty which 13
had made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests 14
and elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great
curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain Paul. Now 15
therefore ye with the council signify to the chief captain, that
he bring him down unto you to-morrow, as though ye would in-
quire something more perfectly concerning him: and we, or ever
he come near, are ready to kill him. And when Paul's sister's 16
son heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the
castle, and told Paul. Then Paul called one of the centurions 17
unto *him*, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain;
for he hath a certain thing to tell him. So he took him, and 18
brought *him* to the chief captain, and said, Paul the prisoner
called me unto *him*, and prayed me to bring this young man
unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee. Then the chief 19
captain took him by the hand and went *with him* aside privately,
and asked *him*, What is that thou hast to tell me? And he said, 20
The Jews have agreed to desire thee, that thou wouldest bring
down Paul to-morrow into the council, as though they would in-
quire somewhat of him more perfectly. But do not thou yield 21
unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty
men, which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will
neither eat nor drink till they have killed him: and now are they
ready, looking for a promise from thee. So the chief captain 22
then let the young man depart, and charged *him*, See thou tell no
man that thou hast showed these things to me.

AND he called unto him two centurions, saying, Make ready 23

two hundred soldiers to go to Cesarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night; and provide *them* beasts, that they may set Paul on, and bring *him* safe unto Felix the governor. And he wrote a letter after this manner:

Claudius Lysias, unto the most excellent governor Felix, *sendeth* greeting.
 This man was taken of the Jews, and should have been killed of them: then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a Roman. And when I would have known the cause wherefore they accused him, I brought him forth into their council: whom I perceived to be accused of questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. And when it was told me how that the Jews laid wait for the man, I sent straightway to thee, and gave commandment to his accusers also, to say before thee what *they* had against him. Farewell.

THEN the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought *him* by night to Antipatris. On the morrow they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle: who, when they came to Cesarea, and delivered the epistle to the governor, presented Paul also before him. And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked of what province he was. And when he understood that *he was* of Cilicia; 'I will hear thee,' said he, 'when thine accusers are also come.' And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's judgment-hall.

AND after five days, Ananias the high-priest descended with the elders, and *with* a certain orator *named* Tertullus, who informed the governor against Paul. And when he was called forth, Tertullus began to accuse *him*, saying, Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness, and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence, 'we accept *it* always, and in all places, most noble Felix, with all thankfulness. Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I pray thee, that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words. For we have found this man a pestilent *fellow*, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes: who also hath gone about to profane the temple: whom we took, and would have judged according to our law,' but the chief captain Lysias came *upon us*, and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come unto thee: by examining of whom, thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things whereof we accuse him. And the Jews also assented, saying, That these things were so. Then Paul, after that the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, answered, Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do the more cheerfully answer for myself: because that thou mayest understand, that there are yet but twelve days since I went up to Jerusalem for to worship. And they neither found me in the temple disputing with any man, neither raising up the people, neither in the synagogues, nor in the city: neither can they prove the things whereof they now accuse me. But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of

my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets: and have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offence toward God, and toward men. Now, after many years, I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings. Whereupon certain Jews from Asia found me purified in the temple, neither with multitude, nor with tumult: who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had aught against me. Or else let these same *here* say, if they have found any evil-doing in me, while I stood before the council, 'except it be for this one voice, that I cried, standing among them, 'Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.' And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of *that* way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter. And he commanded a centurion to keep Paul, and to let *him* have liberty, and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister, or come unto him.

AND after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee. He hoped also that money should have been given him of Paul, that he might loose him; wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him. But after two years Porcius Festus came into Felix's room: and Felix, willing to show the Jews a pleasure, left Paul bound.

NOW when Festus was come into the province, after three days he ascended from Cesarea to Jerusalem. Then the high-priest and the chief of the Jews informed him against Paul, and besought him, 'and desired favor against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem; laying wait in the way to kill him. But Festus answered, that Paul should be kept at Cesarea, and that he himself would depart shortly *thither*. Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him. And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, he went down unto Cesarea; and the next day sitting on the judgment-seat, commanded Paul to be brought. And when he was come, the Jews which came down from Jerusalem stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against Paul, which they could not prove; while he answered for himself, Neither against the law of the Jews, neither against the temple, nor yet against Cesar, have I offended any thing at all. But Festus, willing to do the Jews a pleasure, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? Then said Paul, I stand at Cesar's judgment-seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou very

well knowest. For if I be an offender, or have committed any 11
 thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of
 these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me
 unto them. I appeal unto Cesar. ' Then Festus, when he had 12
 conferred with the council, answered, Hast thou appealed unto
 Cesar? unto Cesar shalt thou go.

AND after certain days, king Agrippa and Bernice came unto 13
 Cesarea, to salute Festus. And when they had been there many 14
 days, Festus declared Paul's cause unto the king, saying, There 15
 is a certain man left in bonds by Felix: about whom, when I
 was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews
 informed *me*, desiring to have judgment against him. To whom I 16
 answered, It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man
 to die, before that he which is accused have the accusers face to
 face, and have license to answer for himself concerning the
 crime laid against him. Therefore, when they were come hither, 17
 without any delay on the morrow I sat on the judgment-seat, and
 commanded the man to be brought forth; against whom, when 18
 the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such
 things as I supposed: but had certain questions against him of 19
 their own superstition, and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom
 Paul affirmed to be alive. And because I doubted of such man- 20
 ner of questions, I asked *him* whether he would go to Jerusalem,
 and there be judged of these matters. But when Paul had ap- 21
 pealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded
 him to be kept till I might send him to Cesar. Then Agrippa 22
 said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To-mor-
 row, said he, thou shalt hear him.

AND on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, 23
 with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing,
 with the chief captains and principal men of the city, at Festus'
 commandment Paul was brought forth. And Festus said, King 24
 Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this
 man about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with
 me, both at Jerusalem, and *also* here, crying that he ought not to
 live any longer. But when I found that he had committed 25
 nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to
 Augustus, I have determined to send him. Of whom I have no 26
 certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought
 him forth before you, and specially before thee, O king Agrippa,
 that after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.
 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not 27
 withal to signify the crimes *laid* against him.

THEN Agrippa said unto Paul. Thou art permitted to speak for 26
 thyself. Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for
 himself: I think myself happy, king Agrippa, because I shall 2
 answer for myself this day before thee, touching all the things
 whereof I am accused of the Jews: especially, *because I know* 3
 thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among
 the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. My 4
 manner of life from my youth, which was at the first among mine

own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews, ' which knew me 5
from the beginning, (if they would testify,) that after the most
straitest sect of our religion, I lived a Pharisee. And now I 6
stand, and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God
unto our fathers: unto which *promise* our twelve tribes, instantly 7
serving *God* day and night, hope to come. For which hope's
sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews. Why should it 8
be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the
dead? I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many 9
things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing 10
I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in
prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and
when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*. And 11
I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled *them* to
blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I perse-
cuted *them* even unto strange cities. Whereupon, as I went to 12
Damascus, with authority and commission from the chief priests,
'at mid-day, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above 13
the brightness of the sun, shining round about me, and them
which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the 14
earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the He-
brew tongue, Saul! Saul! why persecutest thou me? *It is hard*
for thee to kick against the pricks. And I said, Who art thou, 15
Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 'But 16
rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for
this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these
things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I
will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and 17
from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 'to open their 18
eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power
of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins,
and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that
is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient 19
unto the heavenly vision: but showed first unto them of Damas- 20
cus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea,
and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God,
and do works meet for repentance. For these causes the Jews 21
caught me in the temple, and went about to kill *me*. Having 22
therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witness-
ing both to small and great, saying none other things than those
which the prophets and Moses did say should come: that Christ 23
should suffer, *and* that he should be the first that should rise
from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the
Gentiles.

AND as he thus spake for himself, Festus said with a loud 24
voice, Paul! thou art beside thyself! much learning doth make
thee mad! But he said, I am not mad, most noble Festus; but 25
speak forth the words of truth and soberness. For the king 26
knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely. For
I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him;
for this thing was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, believest 27

thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 'Then Agrippa 28
said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.
And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all 29
that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as
I am, except these bonds.

AND when he had thus spoken, the king rose up, and the gov- 30
ernor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: and when they 31
were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying, This
man doeth nothing worthy of death, or of bonds. Then said 32
Agrippa unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if
he had not appealed unto Cesar.

AND when it was determined, that we should sail into Italy. 27
they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners unto *one* named
Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band. And entering into a ship 2
of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by the coasts of
Asia, *one* Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with
us. 'And the next *day* we touched at Sidon. And Julius cour- 3
teously entreated Paul, and gave *him* liberty to go unto his
friends to refresh himself. And when we had launched from 4
thence, we sailed under Cyprus, because the winds were con-
trary. And when we had sailed over the sea of Cilicia and Pam- 5
phylia, we came to Myra, *a city of Lycia*. And there the centu- 6
rion found a ship of Alexandria sailing into Italy; and he put us
therein. And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce 7
were come over against Cnidus, the wind not suffering us, we
sailed under Crete, over against Salmone: and hardly passing it, 8
came unto a place which is called, The Fair Havens; nigh
whereunto was the city of Lasea. Now, when much time was 9
spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was
now already past, Paul admonished *them*, 'and said unto them, 10
Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much
damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.
Nevertheless, the centurion believed the master and the owner 11
of the ship more than those things which were spoken by Paul.

AND because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the 12
more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they
might attain to Phenice, *and there* to winter; *which is* a haven of
Crete, and lieth toward the south-west and north-west. And 13
when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had ob-
tained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by Crete.
But not long after there arose against it a tempestuous wind, 14
called Euroclydon. And when the ship was caught, and could 15
not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive. And running un- 16
der a certain island which is called Claudia, we had much work
to come by the boat: which when they had taken up, they used 17
helps, undergirding the ship; and fearing lest they should fall
into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven. And we 18
being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, the next *day* they light-
ened the ship: and the third *day* we cast out with our own 19
hands the tackling of the ship. And when neither sun nor stars 20
in many days appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope

that we should be saved was then taken away. But after long
abstinence, Paul stood forth in the midst of them, and said, Sirs,
ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from
Crete, and to have gained this harm and loss. And now I ex-
hort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any*
man's life among you, but of the ship. For there stood by me
this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, say-
ing, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Cesar: and lo,
God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore,
sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as
it was told me. Howbeit, we must be cast upon a certain
island. But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were
driven up and down in Adria, about midnight the shipmen
deemed that they drew near to some country, and sounded, and
found *it* twenty fathoms: and when they had gone a little fur-
ther, they sounded again, and found *it* fifteen fathoms. Then
fearing lest they should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four
anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day. And as the
shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let
down the boat into the sea, under color as though they would
have cast anchors out of the foreship, Paul said to the centurion,
and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be
saved. Then the soldiers cut off the ropes of the boat, and let
her fall off. And while the day was coming on, Paul besought
them all to take meat, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that
ye have tarried, and continued fasting, having taken nothing.
Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat: for this is for your
health: for there shall not a hair fall from the head of any of you.
And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks
to God in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he
began to eat. Then were they all of good cheer, and they also
took *some* meat. And we were in all in the ship two hundred
threescore and sixteen souls. And when they had eaten enough,
they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea. And
when it was day, they knew not the land: but they discovered
a certain creek with a shore, into the which they were minded,
if it were possible, to thrust in the ship. And when they had
taken up the anchors, they committed *themselves* unto the sea,
and loosed the rudder-bands, and hoised up the mainsail to the
wind, and made toward shore. And falling into a place where
two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck
fast, and remained unmovable, but the hinder part was broken
with the violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was
to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and es-
cape. But the centurion, willing to save Paul, kept them from
their purpose, and commanded that they which could swim,
should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land, and
rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship. And
so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land. And when
they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called
Melita.

AND the barbarous people showed us no little kindness: for they kindled a fire and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet Vengeance suffereth not to live. And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm. Howbeit, they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god. In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was Publius; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously. And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever, and of a bloody-flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him. So when this was done, others also which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: who also honored us with many honors; and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

AND after three months we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux. And landing at Syracuse, we tarried *there* three days. And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the south wind blew, and we came the next day to Puteoli: where we found brethren, and were desired to tarry with them seven days: and so we went toward Rome. And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as 'Appii-forum,' and 'The Three Taverns;' whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

AND when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the guard: but Paul was suffered to dwell by himself, with a soldier that kept him. And it came to pass, that after three days, Paul called the chief of the Jews together. And when they were come together, he said unto them, Men *and* brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans; who when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against *it*, I was constrained to appeal unto Cesar; not that I had aught to accuse my nation of. For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came showed or spake any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee, what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, we know that everywhere it is spoken against. And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging: to whom he expounded and

testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and *out of* the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, saying,

Go unto this people, and say,
Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand ;
And seeing ye shall see, and not perceive :
For the heart of this people is waxed gross,
And their ears are dull of hearing,
And their eyes have they closed ;
Lest they should see with *their eyes*,
And hear with *their ears*,
And understand with *their heart*,
And should be converted, and I should heal them.

Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

AND Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE ROMANS.

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an Apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,—who was made of the seed of David according to the flesh ; and declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead : by whom we have received grace and Apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name : among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ :—to all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints : Grace to you, and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

FIRST, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers ; making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established : that is, that I may be comforted together with you, by the mutual faith both of you and me. Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that often-

times I purposed to come unto you (but was let hitherto) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians, 14 both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, I 15 am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

FOR I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: FOR IT IS THE 16 POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. FOR THEREIN IS 17 THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED FROM FAITH TO FAITH: AS IT IS WRITTEN,

THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.

FOR the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all 18 ungodliness, and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Because that which may be known of God, is 19 manifest in them; for God hath showed *it* unto them: for the 20 invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as 21 God, neither were thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing them- 22 selves to be wise, they became fools, ¹ and changed the glory of 23 the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the 24 lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and wor- 25 shipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever! Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto 26 vile affections. For even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, 27 leaving the natural use of the women, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God 28 in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient: being filled with all 29 unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, ² backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors 30 of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³ without understanding, 31 covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, (that they which commit such things are worthy of death,) not only do the same, but 32 have pleasure in them that do them.

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art, 2 that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest, doest the same things. But we 2 are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth, against them which commit such things. And thinkest thou this, O man, 3 that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that

thou shalt escape the judgment of God? or despisest thou the 4
 riches of his goodness, and forbearance, and long-suffering; not
 knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? 5
 but after thy hardness and impenitent heart, treasurest up unto
 thyself wrath against the day of wrath, and revelation of the 6
 righteous judgment of God, who will render to every man ac- 7
 cording to his deeds: to them who by patient continuance in
 well doing, seek for glory, and honor, and immortality; eternal 8
 life: but unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the 9
 truth, but obey unrighteousness; indignation and wrath, 'tribul-
 lation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of 10
 the Jew first, and also of the Gentile: but glory, honor, and
 peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also 11
 to the Gentile: for there is no respect of persons with God. 12
 For as many as have sinned without law, shall also perish
 without law: and as many as have sinned in the law, shall be 13
 judged by the law, (for not the hearers of the law *are* just before
 God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the 14
 Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things con-
 tained in the law, these having not the law, are a law unto 15
 themselves, which show the work of the law written in their
 hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts 16
 the mean while accusing, or else excusing one another;) in the
 day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ,
 according to my gospel.

BEHOLD, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and 17
 makest thy boast of God, 'and knowest *his* will, and approvest the 18
 things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law,
 'and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a 19
 light of them which are in darkness, 'an instructor of the foolish, 20
 a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge, and of the
 truth in the law: thou therefore which teachest another, teachest 21
 thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost
 thou steal? thou that sayest, a man should not commit adultery, 22
 dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou
 commit sacrilege? thou that makest thy boast of the law, through 23
 breaking the law dishonorest thou God?

For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you;

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as it is written.

FOR circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law; but if 25
 thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircum-
 cision. Therefore, if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness 26
 of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumci-
 sion? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil 27
 the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost
 transgress the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; 28
 neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: but 29
 he *is a Jew* which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of
 the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter: whose praise *is not*
 of men, but of God.

'WHAT advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit *is there* 3
of circumcision?' Much every way: chiefly, because that unto 2
them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did 3
not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without
effect? God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; 4
as it is written,

That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings,
And mightest overcome when thou art judged.

But if our unrighteousness commend the righteousness of God, 5
what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous who taketh vengeance? 6
(I speak as a man.) 'God forbid: for then how shall God judge 6
the world? For if the truth of God hath more abounded through 7
my lie unto his glory; why yet am I also judged as a sinner?
And not *rather* (as we be slanderously reported, and as some 8
affirm that we say) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose
damnation is just.

WHAT then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we 9
have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all
under sin; as it is written,

There is none righteous, no, not one; 10
There is none that understandeth. 11
There is none that seeketh after God,
They are all gone out of the way. 12
They are together become unprofitable:
There is none that doeth good, no, not one.
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
With their tongues they have used deceit; 13
The poison of asps *is* under their lips:
Whose mouth *is* full of cursing and bitterness. 14
Their feet *are* swift to shed blood,
Destruction and misery *are* in their ways: 15
And the way of peace have they not known. 16
There is no fear of God before their eyes. 17
18

Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to 19
them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped,
and all the world may become guilty before God. Therefore 20
by the deeds of the law, there shall no flesh be justified in his
sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

BUT now the righteousness of God without the law is mani- 21
fested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the
righteousness of God, *which is* by faith of Jesus Christ unto all, 22
and upon all them that believe; for there is no difference: for 23
all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justi- 24
fied freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ
Jesus; whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation, through faith 25
in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins
that are past, through the forbearance of God: to declare, *I say*, 26
at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the
justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Where *is* boasting 27
then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay; but by
the law of faith. Therefore we conclude, that a man is justified 28
by faith without the deeds of the law. *Is he* the God of the 29
Jews only? *is he* not also of the GENTILES? Yes, of the Gen- 30
tiles also: seeing *it is* one God which shall justify the circumci-

sion by faith, and uncircumcision through faith. Do we then 31
make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish
the law.

WHAT shall we then say that Abraham our father, as pertain- 4
ing to the flesh, hath found? For if Abraham were justified by 2
works, he hath *whereof* to glory, but not before God. For what 3
saith the Scripture? "Abraham believed God, and it was
counted unto him for righteousness." Now to him that 4
worketh, is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But 5
to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the
ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David 6
also describeth the blessedness of the man unto whom God im-
puteth righteousness without works, *saying*, 7

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,

And whose sins are covered;

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*, or upon 9
the uncircumcision also? For we say that faith was reckoned to
Abraham for righteousness. How was it then reckoned? when 10
he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumci-
sion, but in uncircumcision. And he received the sign of cir- 11
cumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had*
yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them
that believe, though they be not circumcised, (that righteousness
might be imputed unto them also,) and the father of circumcision 12
to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk
in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which *he had*
being *yet* uncircumcised. For the promise that he should be the 13
heir of the world *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the
law, but through the righteousness of faith. For if they which 14
are of the law *be* heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made
of none effect. Because the law worketh wrath: for where no 15
law is *there is* no transgression. Therefore *it is* of faith, that *it* 16
might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all
the seed: not to that only which is of the law, but to that also
which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ' (as 17
it is written, "I have made thee a father of many na-
tions") before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth
the dead, and calleth those things which be not, as though they
were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might be- 18
come the father of many nations; (according to that which was
spoken; "So shall thy seed be,") 'and being not weak in 19
faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was
about a hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sarah's
womb: he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; 20
but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 'and being fully 21
persuaded, that what he had promised, he was able also to per-
form. And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness. 22

Now, it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed 23
to him: but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we be- 24
lieve on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who 25

was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

THEREFORE being justified by faith, we have peace with God 5
through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access 2
by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of
the glory of God. And not only so, but we glory in tribulations 3
also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, 4
experience; and experience, hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; 5
because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts, by the
Holy Ghost which is given unto us. For when we were yet 6
without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For 7
scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet peradventure for
a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth 8
his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died 9
for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we 10
shall be saved from wrath through him. For if when we 11
were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his
Son; much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
And not only so, but we also joy in God, through our Lord Jesus 11
Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

WHEREFORE as by ONE MAN sin entered into the world, and 12
death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all
have sinned. For until the law, sin was in the world: but sin 13
is not imputed when there is no law; nevertheless, death reigned 14
from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after
the similitude of Adam's transgression, WHO IS THE FIGURE OF
HIM THAT WAS TO COME. But not as the offence, so also is the 15
free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much
more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, *which is* by one
man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. And not as *it was* 16
by one that sinned, *so is* the gift. For the judgment *was* by one
to condemnation, but the free gift *is* of many offences unto justi-
fication. For if by one man's offence, death reigned by one; 17
much more they which receive abundance of grace, and of the
gift of righteousness, shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.
Therefore, as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men 18
to condemnation, even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift*
came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's 19
disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of
one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, 20
that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace
did much more abound: that as sin hath reigned unto death, 21
even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal
life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.

WHAT shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that 6
grace may abound? 'God forbid: how shall we, that are dead to 2
sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not that so many of us as 3
were baptized into Jesus Christ, were baptized into his death?
'Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that 4
like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the

Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if 5
we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we
shall be also *in the likeness* of his resurrection: knowing this, 6
that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might
be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he 7
that is dead is freed from sin. Now, if we be dead with Christ, 8
we believe that we shall also live with him: knowing that Christ, 9
being raised from the dead, dieth no more; death hath no more
dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; 10
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye 11
also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in 12
your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
Neither yield ye your members *as* instruments of unrighteous- 13
ness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are
alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of right-
eousness unto God: for sin shall not have dominion over you; 14
for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

WHAT then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, 15
but under grace? God forbid. ' Know ye not, that to whom ye 16
yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye
obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto right-
eousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of 17
sin; but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine
which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye 18
became the servants of righteousness: (I speak after the man- 19
ner of men, because of the infirmity of your flesh:) for as ye
have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to in-
iquity, unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants
to righteousness unto holiness. For when ye were the servants 20
of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then 21
in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those
things *is* death. But now being made free from sin, and become 22
servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end
everlasting life. For the wages of sin *is* death: but the gift of 23
God *is* eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the 7
law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he
liveth? For the woman which hath a husband, is bound by the 2
law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be
dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. So then, if 3
while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she
shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she
is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be
married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are 4
become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be
married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that
we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the 5
flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our
members to bring forth fruit unto death: but now we are deliv- 6
ered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that

we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

WHAT shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, 7
I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust,
except the law had said, "Thou shalt not covet. . . ." But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me 8
all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead.
For I was alive without the law once: but when the command- 9
ment came, sin revived, and I died. And the commandment 10
which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death. For sin, 11
taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it
slew *me*. Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment 12
holy, and just and good.

Was then that which is good made death unto me? God for- 13
bid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by
that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become
exceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but 14
I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do, I allow not: 15
for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If 16
then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it*
is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwell- 17
eth in me. For I know that in me, (that is, in my flesh,) dwell- 18
eth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to per-
form that which is good, I find not. For the good that I would, 19
I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I 20
do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwell-
eth in me. I find then a law, that when I would do good, evil 21
is present with me. For I delight in the law of God, after the 22
inward man: but I see another law in my members warring 23
against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the
law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! 24
who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God, 25
through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then, with the mind I myself
serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

THERE is therefore now no condemnation to them which are 26
in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, hath made me 27
free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not 28
do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own
Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in
the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in 29
us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For they 30
that are after the flesh, do mind the things of the flesh: but they
that are after the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be car- 31
nally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and
peace: 'because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is
not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then 32
they that are in the flesh cannot please God. But ye are not in 33
the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell
in you. Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is
none of his. And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because 34

of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

THEREFORE, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye have not received the Spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with *him*, that we may be also glorified together.

FOR I reckon, that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected *the same* in hope; because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth, and travaileth in pain together until now:

AND not only *they*, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, *to wit*, the redemption of our body. 'For we are saved by hope. But hope that is seen, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? 'But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*. Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints, according to *the will* of God.

AND we know that all things work together for good, to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 'Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *it is* God that justifieth. Who *is* he that condemneth? *it is* Christ that died: yea rather, that is risen again; who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* tribulation, or distress,

or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (As 36
it is written,

For thy sake we are killed all the day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors, through 37
him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor 38
life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,
nor things to come, 'nor height, nor depth, nor any other crea- 39
ture, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I SAY the truth in Christ, I lie not, (my conscience also bear- 9
ing me witness in the Holy Ghost,) That I have great heaviness 2
and continual sorrow in my heart. For I could wish that my- 3
self were accursed from Christ, for my brethren, my kinsmen ac-
cording to the flesh: who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the 4
adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the
law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose *are* the 5
fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ *came*; WHO
IS OVER ALL, GOD BLESSED FOR EVER! Amen. Not as though 6
the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all
Israel, which are of Israel: neither, because they are the 7
seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, "In ISAAC shall
thy seed be called," 'that is. They which are the children 8
of the flesh, these *are* not the children of God; but the children
of the promise are counted for the seed. For this *is* the word of 9
promise, "At this time will I come, and Sarah shall
have a son." And not only *this*; but when Rebecca also had 10
conceived by one, *even* by our father Isaac, 'for the children 11
being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, - (that
the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of
works, but of him that calleth;) - it was said unto her, "The 12
elder shall serve the younger:" as it is written, 13

Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

WHAT shall we say then? *is there* unrighteousness with God? 14
God forbid. For he saith to Moses, "I will have mercy on 15
whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion
on whom I will have compassion." So then, *it is* 16
not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that
showeth mercy. For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh; "Even 17
for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I
might show my power in thee, and that my name
might be declared throughout all the earth." There- 18
fore hath he mercy on whom he will *have mercy*, and whom he
will he hardeneth. Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he 19
yet find fault? for who hath resisted his will? Nay but, O man, 20
who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed
say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath 21
not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make
one vessel unto honor and another unto dishonor? What if God, 22
willing to show *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endur-

ed with much long-suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: and that he might make known the riches of his glory 23
on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto
glory, 'even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but 24
also of the Gentiles! As he saith also in Osee, 25

I will call them my people, which were not my people;
And her beloved, which was not beloved.

And it shall come to pass, 26

That in the place where it was said unto them,

Ye are not my people;

There shall they be called, The children of the living God.

Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, 27

Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea,

A remnant shall be saved;

For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness: 28

Because a short work will the LORD make upon the earth.

And as Esaias said before, 29

Except the LORD of SABACTH had left us a seed,

We had been as Sodom,

And been made like unto Gomorrah.

WHAT shall we say then? That the Gentiles which followed 30
not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the
righteousness which is of faith: but Israel, which followed after 31
the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of right-
eousness. 'Wherefore? Because *they sought it* not by faith, but 32
as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that
stumbling-stone; as it is written, 33

Behold, I lay in Sion a stumbling-stone, and rock of offence:

And whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

BRETHREN, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, 10
that they might be saved. For I bear them record, that they 2
have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they, 3
being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to estab-
lish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto
the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for 4
righteousness to every one that believeth.

FOR Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, 5
"That the man which doeth those things shall live 6
by them." But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on 6
this wise, "Say not in thy heart, Who shall ascend 7
into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down *from above*;) or 7
"Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring 8
up Christ again from the dead.) 'But what saith it? "The word 8
is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart:" 9
that is, the word of faith, which we preach. That if thou shalt 9
confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thy 10
heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be 10
saved. (For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; 11
and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.) For the 11
scripture saith,

Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for 12
the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him,

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD, shall be saved. 13

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not be- 14
lieved? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have
not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And 15
how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written,

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace,
And bring glad tidings of good things!

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, 16

LORD, who hath believed our report?

So then, faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of 17
God. 'But I say, Have they not heard? Yes, verily, 18

Their sound went into all the earth,
And their words unto the ends of the world.

But I say, Did not Israel know? First, Moses saith, "I will 19
provoke you to jealousy by *them that are no*
people, and by a foolish nation I will anger
you." But Esaias is very bold, and saith, 20

I was found of them that sought me not;
I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.

But to Israel he saith, 21

All day long I have stretched forth my hands
Unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

I SAY then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For 22
I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of
Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he fore- 2
knew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he
maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying, "Lord, they 3
have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine
altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life?" 4
'But what saith the answer of God unto him? "I have re- 5
served to myself seven thousand men, who have not
bowed the knee to *the image of Baal*." Even so then 6
at this present time also there is a remnant according to the elec-
tion of grace. And if by grace, then *is it* no more of works: 7
otherwise grace is no more grace. But if *it be* of works, then is
it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work. What then? 8
Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the elec-
tion hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded, ' (according as it 9
is written, "God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that
they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;") unto
this day. And David saith, 9

Let their table be made a snare, and a trap,
And a stumbling-block and a recompense unto them:
Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see,
And bow down their back always. 10

I SAY then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God 11
forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the
Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them 12
be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches
of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness? For I speak to 13
you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the Apostle of the Gentiles, I

magnify mine office, 'if by any means I may provoke to emula- 14
 tion *them which are* my flesh, and might save some of them. For 15
 if the casting away of them *be* the reconciling of the world,
 what *shall* the receiving *of them be*, but life from the dead? For 16
 if the first fruit *be* holy, the lump *is* also *holy*: and if the root *be*
 holy, so *are* the branches. And if some of the branches be broken 17
 off, and thou, being a wild olive-tree, wert grafted in among
 them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive-
 tree; 'boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou 18
 bearest not the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say, then, The 19
 branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; 20
 because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by
 faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: 'for if God spared not the 21
 natural branches, *take heed* lest he also spare not thee. Behold 22
 therefore the goodness and severity of God! on them which fell,
 severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his*
 goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, 23
 if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is
 able to graff them in again. For if thou wert cut out of the 24
 olive-tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to
 nature into a good olive-tree; how much more shall these, which
 be the natural *branches*, be grafted into their own olive-tree? For 25
 I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery,
 (lest ye should be wise in your own conceits) that blindness in
 part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be
 come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, 26

There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer,
 And shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
 For this *is* my covenant unto them,
 When I shall take away their sins. . . .

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As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: 28
 but as touching the election, *they are* beloved for the fathers'
 sakes. For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance. 29
 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now ob- 30
 tained mercy through their unbelief; even so have these also 31
 now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain
 mercy. For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he 32
 might have mercy upon all.

O THE depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge 33
 of God! how unsearchable *are* his judgments, and his ways past
 finding out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who 34
 hath been his counsellor? Or who hath first given to him, and 35
 it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through 36
 him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever!
 Amen.

I BESEECH you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, 12
 that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable
 unto God, *which is* your reasonable service. And be not con- 2
 formed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of
 your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable,
 and perfect will of God. For I say, through the grace given 3
 unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think *of himself*

more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another; having then gifts, differing according to the grace that is given to us; whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith: or ministry, *let us wait on our ministering*: or he that teacheth, on teaching: 'or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity: he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 'Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another; 'not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 'rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 'distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. Bless them which persecute you; bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. *Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 'Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written,

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Therefore, if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

LET every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be, are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same; for he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience' sake. For, for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, "Thou shalt not commit adultery," "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," "Thou shalt not bear false witness," "Thou shalt not covet;" and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor

as thyself." Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore 10
 love is the fulfilling of the law. And that, knowing the time, 11
 that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our
 salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, 12
 the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness,
 and let us put on the armor of light. Let us walk honestly, as in 13
 the day: not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and
 wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord 14
 Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil* the
 lusts thereof.

Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful 14
 disputations. For one believeth that he may eat all things; an- 2
 other, who is weak, eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth, 3
 despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not,
 judge him that eateth: for God hath received him. Who art 4
 thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he
 standeth or falleth: yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able
 to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: 5
 another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully
 persuaded in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth 6
it unto the Lord: and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord
 he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the Lord, for he
 giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth
 not, and giveth God thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, 7
 and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto 8
 the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether
 we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end 9
 Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord
 both of the dead and living. But why dost thou judge thy 10
 brother? or why dost thou set at naught thy brother? for we
 shall all stand before the judgment-seat of Christ. For it is 11
 written,

As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
 And every tongue shall confess to God.

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. 12
 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this 13
 rather, that no man put a stumbling-block, or an occasion to fall
 in *his* brother's way. I know, and am persuaded by the Lord 14
 Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that
 esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean. But if 15
 thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not
 charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ
 died. 'Let not then your good be evil spoken of: 'for the 16
 kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace,
 and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth 18
 Christ, is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us there- 19
 fore follow after the things which make for peace, and things
 wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the 20
 work of God. All things indeed *are* pure: but *it is* evil for that
 man who eateth with offence. *It is* good neither to eat flesh nor 21
 to drink wine, nor *any thing* whereby thy brother stumbleth, or

is offended, or is made weak. Hast thou faith? have it to thy- 22
 self before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in
 that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned 23
 if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever is not of
 faith is sin. We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmi-15
 ties of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of 2
 us please *his* neighbor for *his* good to edification. For even 3
 Christ pleased not himself; but, as it is written,

The reproaches of them that reproached thee, fell on me.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime, were written for 4
 our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scrip- 5
 tures might have hope. Now the God of patience and consolati-
 on grant you to be like-minded one toward another according 6
 to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind *and* one mouth 7
 glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore
 receive ye one another, as Christ also received us, to the glory of
 God.

NOW I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the CIRCUMCI- 8
 sION for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* unto the
 fathers: and that the GENTILES might glorify God for *his* mercy: 9
 as it is written,

For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles,
 And sing unto thy name.

And again he saith; 10

Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

And again, 11

Praise the LORD, all ye Gentiles;
 And laud him, all ye people.

And again Esaias saith; 12

There shall be a root of Jesse,
 And he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles;
 In him shall the Gentiles trust.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, 13
 that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy
 Ghost.

AND I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye 14
 also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to
 admonish one another. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written 15
 the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind,
 because of the grace that is given to me of God, 'that I should be 16
 the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel
 of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable,
 being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. I have therefore whereof I 17
 may glory through Jesus Christ, in those things which pertain to
 God. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which 18
 Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient,
 by word and deed, 'through mighty signs and wonders, by the 19
 power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round
 about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ 20

was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:
but as it is written, 21

To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see :
And they that have not heard shall understand.

For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming 22
to you. But now having no more place in these parts, and hav- 23
ing a great desire these many years to come unto you; whenso- 24
ever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust
to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thither-
ward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your *company*.
' But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. ' For it 25
hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain
contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem. It hath 27
pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gen-
tiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their
duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things. When 28
therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this
fruit, I will come by you into Spain. And I am sure that when 29
I come unto you, I shall come in the fullness of the blessing of the
gospel of Christ. Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord 30
Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive
together with me in *your* prayers to God for me; that I may be 31
delivered from them that do not believe in Judea; and that my
service which *I have* for Jerusalem, may be accepted of the
saints; that I may come unto you with joy by the will of God, 32
and may with you be refreshed. Now the God of peace *be* with
you all. Amen. 33

I COMMEND unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of 16
the church which is at Cenchrea: that ye receive her in the 2
Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever
business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succorer of
many, and of myself also. Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my helpers 3
in Christ Jesus: (who have for my life laid down their own 4
necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the
churches of the Gentiles:) likewise *greet* the church that is in
their house. Salute my well-beloved Epenetus, who is the first- 5
fruits of Achaia unto Christ. Greet Mary, who bestowed 6
much labor on us. Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, 7
and my fellow-prisoners who are of note among the Apostles,
who also were in Christ before me. Greet Amplias, my beloved 8
in the Lord. Salute Urbane, our helper in Christ, and Stachys
my beloved. ' Salute Apelles, approved in Christ. ' Salute 9
them which are of Aristobulus' *household*. Salute Herodian 11
my kinsman. Greet them that be of the *household* of Narcissus,
which are in the Lord. Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who 12
labor in the Lord. Salute the beloved Persis, which labored
much in the Lord. Salute Rufus, chosen in the Lord, and his 13
mother and mine. Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patro- 14
bas, Hermes, and the brethren which are with them. Salute 15
Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and

all the saints which are with them. Salute one another with a 16
holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divi- 17
sions and offences, contrary to the doctrine which ye have
learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our 18
Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and
fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. For your obe- 19
dience is come abroad unto all *men*. I am glad therefore on
your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is
good, and simple concerning evil. And the God of peace shall 20
bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

TIMOTHEUS, my work-fellow, and Lucius, and Jason, and 21
Sosipater, my kinsmen, salute you. I Tertius, who wrote *this* 22
epistle, salute you in the Lord. Gaius mine host, and of the 23
whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the chamberlain of the
city saluteth you, and Quartus a brother. The grace of our 24
Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my 25
gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the reve-
lation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world be-
gan, 'but now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the 26
prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God,
made known to ALL NATIONS for the obedience of faith: To God 27
only wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ for ever! Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

PAUL, called *to be* an Apostle of Jesus Christ through the 1
will of God, and SOSTHENES *our* brother, 'unto the church of 2
God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ
Jesus, called *to be* saints, with all that in every place call upon
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: Grace 3
be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord
Jesus Christ.

I THANK my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God 4
which is given you by Jesus Christ: that in every thing ye are 5
enriched by him, in all utterance, and *in* all knowledge; even as 6
the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that ye come 7
behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ: who shall also confirm you unto the end, 'that *ye may be* 8
blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God *is* faithful, 9
by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus
Christ our Lord.

NOW I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord 10
Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be

no divisions among you ; but *that* ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them *which are of the house* of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul ; and I of Apollos ; and I of Cephas ; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided ? was Paul crucified for you ? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul ? I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius ; 'lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name. ' And I baptized also the household of Stephanas ; besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel : not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish, foolishness ; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God. For it is written,

I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
And will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where *is* the wise ? where *is* the scribe ? where *is* the disputer of this world ? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world ? For after that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom : but we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling-block, and unto the Greeks foolishness ; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men ; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble *are called* : but God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise ; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty ; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, *yea*, and things which are not, to bring to naught things that are : that no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption : that, according as it is written,

He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

AND I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit, and of power : that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Howbeit, we speak wisdom among them that are perfect ; yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world,

that come to naught: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the world unto our glory; which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: but, as it is written,

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard,
Neither have entered into the heart of man,
The things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

AND I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to *bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. ' For ye are yet carnal. For whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I *am* of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered: but God gave the increase. So then, neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one; and every man shall receive his own reward, according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: ye are God's husbandry; *ye are* God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work, of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man

defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy : for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

LET no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

And again,

The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

Therefore let no man glory in men : for all things are yours ; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come ; all are yours ; ' and ye are Christ's : and Christ is God's.

LET a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment : yea, I judge not mine own self : (for I know nothing by myself ; yet am I not hereby justified ;) but he that judgeth me is the Lord. Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts : and then shall every man have praise of God.

AND these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself, and to Apollos, for your sakes : that ye might learn in us not to think of *men* above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another. For who maketh thee to differ *from another* ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive ? Now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it* ?

Now ye are full, now ye are rich, ye have reigned as kings without us : and I would to God ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. For I think that God hath set forth us the Apostles last, as it were appointed to death : for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ ; we are weak, but ye are strong ; ye are honorable, but we are despised. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place, ' and labor, working with our own hands : being reviled, we bless ; being persecuted, we suffer it ; ' being defamed, we entreat : we are made as the filth of the world, and are the off-scouring of all things unto this day. I write not these things to shame you, but as my beloved sons I warn you. For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers : for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Wherefore, I beseech you, be ye followers of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timotheus, who is my beloved son, and faithful in the Lord, who shall bring you into remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. 18
 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, 19
 not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.
 ' For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. ' What 20
 will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the
 spirit of meekness?

IT is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, 5
 and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gen- 2
 tiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed 2
 up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this
 deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as 3
 absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already as
 though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this
 deed, ' in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are 4
 gathered together, and my Spirit, with the power of our Lord
 Jesus Christ, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction 5
 of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord
 Jesus. ' Your glorying is not good. Know ye not, that a little 6
 leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old 7
 leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For
 even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: therefore let us 8
 keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of
 malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sin- 9
 cerity and truth. I wrote unto you in an epistle, 'not to company
 with fornicators.' Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this 10
 world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters:
 for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have 11
 written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called
 a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or
 a drunkard, or an extortioner: with such a one no not to eat.
 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do 12
 not ye judge them that are within? but them that are without 13
 God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that
 wicked person.

DARE any of you, having a matter against another, go to law 6
 before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know 2
 that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be
 judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3
 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more, 4
 things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of
 things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least
 esteemed in the church. ' I speak to your shame! Is it so, that 5
 there is not a wise man among you! no, not one that shall be
 able to judge between his brethren! But brother goeth to law 6
 with brother, and that before the unbelievers! Now therefore 7
 there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with
 another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not
 rather *suffer yourselves* to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and 8
 defraud, and that *your* brethren!

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the king- 9
 dom of God? Be not deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters,

nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ' nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, 10
nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such 11
were some of you ; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but
ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit
of our God. All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not 12
expedient : all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought
under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for 13
meats, but God shall destroy both it and them.

Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord ; and the
Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and 14
will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not, that your 15
bodies are the members of Christ ? shall I then take the mem-
bers of Christ, and make *them* the members of a harlot ? God
forbid. What ! know ye not that he which is joined to a harlot 16
is one body ? " for two," saith he, " shall be one flesh."
' But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. ' Flee fornication. 17
Every sin that a man doeth, is without the body ; but he that
committeth fornication, sinneth against his own body. What ! 19
know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost
which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own ?
For ye are bought with a price : therefore glorify God in your 20
body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

NOW concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me : ' *It* 7
is good for a man not to touch a woman ! nevertheless, *to avoid*
fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every wo-
man have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the 3
wife due benevolence : and likewise also the wife unto the hus-
band. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the hus- 4
band : and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own
body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except *it be* 5
with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting
and prayer ; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not
for your incontinency. But I speak this by permission, *and* not 6
of commandment. For I would that all men were even as my- 7
self : but every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this
manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried 8
and widows, *It is* good for them if they abide even as I. But if 9
they cannot contain, let them marry : for it is better to marry than
to burn. And unto the married I command, *yet* not I, but the 10
Lord, Let not the wife depart from *her* husband : but and if she 11
depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to *her* hus-
band, and let not the husband put away *his* wife. But to the 12
rest speak I, not the Lord, If any brother hath a wife that be-
lieveth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not
put her away. And the woman which hath a husband that be- 13
lieveth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not
leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the 14
wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband : else
were your children unclean ; but now are they holy. But if the 15
unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not

under bondage in such *cases*; but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save *thy* 16 husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save *thy* wife? But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord 17 hath called every one, so let him walk And so ordain I in all churches.

Is any man called being circumcised? let him not become un- 18 circumcised. Is any called in uncircumcision? let him not be circumcised. Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is 19 nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. Let 20 every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called. Art thou called *being* a servant? care not for it; but if thou 21 mayest be made free, use *it* rather. For he that is called in the 22 Lord, *being* a servant, is the Lord's freeman: likewise also he that is called, *being* free, is Christ's servant. Ye are bought with 23 a price; be not ye the servants of men. Brethren, let every 24 man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God.

Now concerning virgins, I have no commandment of the 25 Lord: yet I give my judgment as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be faithful. I suppose therefore that this is good 26 for the present distress; *I say*, that *it is* good for a man so to be. 'Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be loosed. Art thou 27 loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. But and if thou marry, thou 28 hast not sinned: and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless, such shall have trouble in the flesh; but I spare you. 'But this I say, brethren. The time *is* short. It remaineth, that 29 both they that have wives, be as though they had none: and they 30 that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; 'and they that use this world, as not abusing *it*. For 31 the fashion of this world passeth away. But I would have you 32 without carefulness. He that is unmarried, careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: but he 33 that is married, careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please *his* wife. There is difference *also* between a wife 34 and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy, both in body and in spirit: but she that is married, careth for the things of the world, how she may please *her* husband. And this I speak for your own profit; not 35 that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. But 36 if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of *her* age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry. Never- 37 theless, he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well. So then he 38 that giveth *her* in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth *her* not in marriage doeth better.

THE wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; 39 but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to

whom she will; only in the Lord. But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God. 40

NOW, as touching the things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge: knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth. And if any man think that he knoweth any thing, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. But if any man love God, the same is known of him. As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that *there is* none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many;) but to us *there is but one* God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom *are* all things, and we by him. Howbeit, *there is* not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour, eat *it* as a thing offered unto an idol: and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither if we eat are we the better; neither if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling-block to them that are weak. For if any man see thee, which hast knowledge, sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; and through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend. 8

AM I not an Apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If I be not an Apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine Apostleship are ye in the Lord. Mine answer to them that do examine me is this. Have we not power to eat and to drink? have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other Apostles, and *as* the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have not we power to forbear working? Who goeth a warfare any time at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not of the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Say I these things as a man? or saith not the law the same also? For it is written in the law of Moses, "Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn." Doth God take care for oxen? 'or saith he *it* altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, *this* is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thrasheth in hope should be partaker of his hope. If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things? If others be partakers of *this* power over you, *are* not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power: but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ. Do ye not know that they which 13

minister about holy things live *of the things* of the temple, and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar? Even 14
 so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel. But I have used none of these things: 15
 neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for *it were* better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. For though I preach the gospel, 16
 I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing 17
 willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, a dispensation *of the gospel* is committed unto me. What is my reward then? 18
Verily, that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel. For though I be free from all *men*, yet have I made myself ser- 19
 vant unto all, that I might gain the more. And unto the Jews I 20
 became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, 21
 (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ,) that I might gain them that are without law: to the weak became I 22
 as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all *men*, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the 23
 gospel's sake, that I may be partaker thereof with *you*. Know 24
 ye not, that they which run in a race, run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. 'And every man that 25
 striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I 26
 therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: but I keep under my body, and bring *it* into sub- 27
 jection: lest that by any means when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away.

MOREOVER, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant 10
 how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud 2
 and in the sea; 'and did all eat the same spiritual meat, 'and 3,4
 did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they 5
 were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were 6
 our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as *were* some of 7
 them: as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." Neither let us commit for- 8
 nication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of 9
 them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither 10
 murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for 11
 ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that think- 12
 eth he standeth, take heed lest he fall. There hath no tempta- 13

tion taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*. Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. 'I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say. 'The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we *being* many are one bread, *and* one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread. Behold Israel after the flesh: are not they which eat of the sacrifices, partakers of the altar? What say I then? that the idol is any thing, or that which is offered in sacrifice to idols is any thing? But *I* say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils. Do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he?

ALL things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not. Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*. Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, *that* eat, asking no question for conscience' sake:

For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.

If any of them that believe not bid you *to a feast*, and ye be disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience' sake. But if any man say unto you, This is offered in sacrifice unto idols, eat not for his sake that showed it, and for conscience' sake:

For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof:

'conscience, I say, not thine own, but of the other. For why is my liberty judged of another *man's* conscience? for if I by grace be a partaker, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? Whether therefore ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God: give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God. Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved. Be ye followers of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

NOW I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered *them* to you. But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God. Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonoreth his head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with *her* head uncovered, dishonoreth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered. For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, forasmuch as he is the

image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman, but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman, but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on *her* head, because of the angels. Nevertheless, neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; but all things of God. Judge in yourselves: Is it comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? doth not even nature itself teach you, that if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? but if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for *her* hair is given her for a covering. But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

Now in this that I declare *unto you*, I praise *you* not, that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that there be divisions among you: and I partly believe it. For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When ye come together therefore into one place, *this* is not to eat the Lord's supper. For in eating every one taketh before *other* his own supper: and one is hungry, and another is drunken. What! have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and shame them that have not? What shall I say to you? shall I praise you in this? I praise *you* not. 'For I have received of the Lord, that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus, the *same* night in which he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, 'Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.' After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, 'This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me.' For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup; for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another. And if any man hunger, let him eat at home: that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

NOW concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have *you* ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God, calleth

Jesus accursed: and *that* no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit: and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another, the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another, faith by the same Spirit; to another, the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 'to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another, discerning of spirits; to another, *divers* kinds of tongues; to another, the interpretation of tongues. But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will. For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 'And if they were all one member, where *were* the body? 'But now *are they* many members, yet but one body? And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: and those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely *parts* have more abundant comeliness. For our comely *parts* have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honor to that *part* which lacked, 'that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first Apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. *Are* all Apostles? *are* all prophets? *are* all teachers? *are* all workers of miracles? 'have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

BUT covet earnestly the best gifts. And yet show I unto you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and

have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my 3
 goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned,
 and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity suffereth 4
 long, *and* is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not
 itself, is not puffed up, 'doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh 5
 not her own, is not *easily* provoked, thinketh no evil, 'rejoiceth 6
 not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth, 'beareth all things, 7
 believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.
 Charity never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall 8
 fail; whether *there be* tongues, they shall cease; whether *there*
be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and 9
 we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, 10
 then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a 11
 child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a
 child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: 12
 now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am
 known. And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but 13
 the greatest of these *is* charity. Follow after charity, 14

AND desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may prophesy.
 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue, speaketh not unto 2
 men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him*; howbeit in
 the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth, speak- 3
 eth unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He 4
 that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue edifieth himself; but he that
 prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with 5
 tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater *is* he that
 prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, 6
 that the church may receive edifying. Now, brethren, if 6
 I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you,
 except I shall speak to you either by revelation, or by know- 7
 ledge, or by prophesying, or by doctrine? And even things with-
 out life giving sound, whether pipe or harp, except they give a 8
 distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped
 or harped? for if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall 9
 prepare himself to the battle? So likewise ye, except ye utter by
 the tongue words easy to be understood, how shall it be known 10
 what is spoken? for ye shall speak into the air. There are, it 10
 may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them
is without signification. Therefore, if I know not the meaning 11
 of the voice, I shall be unto him that speaketh a barbarian, and
 he that speaketh *shall be* a barbarian unto me. Even so ye, for- 12
 asmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may
 excel to the edifying of the church. Wherefore, let him that 13
 speaketh in an *unknown* tongue, pray that he may interpret. For 14
 if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my under-
 standing is unfruitful. 'What is it then? I will pray with the 15
 spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing
 with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else, 16
 when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth
 the room of the unlearned say 'Amen' at thy giving of thanks,

seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest? For thou verily 17
givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. I thank my 18
God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: yet in the church 19
I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than *by my*
voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an
unknown tongue. Brethren, be not children in understanding: 20
howbeit, in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.
In the law it is written, 21

With *men* of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people;
And yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the LORD.

Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to 22
them that believe not: but prophesying *serveth* not for them that
believe not, but for them which believe. If therefore the whole 23
church be come together into one place, and all speak with
tongues, and there come in *those that are* unlearned, or unbe- 24
lievers, will they not say that ye are mad? But if all prophesy, 24
and there come in one that believeth not, or *one* unlearned, he is
convinced of all, he is judged of all: and thus are the secrets of 25
his heart made manifest; and so falling down on *his* face, he will
worship God, and report that God is in you of a truth. How is 26
it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you
hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation,
hath an interpretation: let all things be done unto edifying. If 27
any man speak in an *unknown* tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the
most *by* three, and *that* by course; and let one interpret. But if 28
there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and
let him speak to himself, and to God. Let the prophets speak 29
two or three, and let the other judge. If *any thing* be revealed 30
to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye 31
may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be
comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the 32
prophets. For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as 33
in all churches of the saints.

LET your women keep silence in the churches; for it is not 34
permitted unto them to speak: but *they are commanded* to be
under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn 35
any thing, let them ask their husbands at home; for it is a shame
for women to speak in the church. What! came the word of 36
God out from you? or came it unto you only? If any man think 37
himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that
the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the
Lord. 'But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.' Where- 38
fore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with
tongues. Let all things be done decently, and in order. 40

MOREOVER, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which 15
I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein
ye stand; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what 2
I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I 3
delivered unto you first of all, that which I also received, how
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that 4
he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to

the scriptures: and that he was seen of Cephas, then of the 5
 twelve; after that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren 6
 at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but
 some are fallen asleep. After that, he was seen of James; then 7
 of all the Apostles. And last of all he was seen of me also, as of 8
 one born out of due time. For I am the least of the Apostles, 9
 that am not meet to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted
 the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: 10
 and his grace which *was bestowed* upon me, was not in vain; but
 I labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace
 of God which was with me. Therefore whether *it were* I or 11
 they, so we preach, and so ye believed. Now if Christ be 12
 preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you
 that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there be no 13
 resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: and if Christ 14
 be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also
 vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because 15
 we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he
 raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead 16
 rise not, then is not Christ raised: and if Christ be not raised, 17
 your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which 18
 are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only, we 19
 have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But 20
 now is Christ risen from the dead, *and* become the first-fruits of
 them that slept. For since by man *came* death, by man *came* 21
 also the resurrection of the dead. (For as in Adam all die, even 22
 so in Christ shall all be made alive.) But every man in his own 23
 order: Christ the first-fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at
 his coming. Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered 24
 up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have
 put down all rule, and all authority, and power. For he must 25
 reign,

Till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death. 26

For he hath put all things under his feet.

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But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that
 he is excepted which did put all things under him. And when 28
 all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also
 himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that
 God may be all in all. Else what shall they do, which are bap- 29
 tized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? why are they then
 baptized for the dead? And why stand we in jeopardy every 30
 hour? I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus 31
 our Lord, I die daily. If after the manner of men I have fought 32
 with beasts at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise
 not? let us eat and drink; for to-morrow we die. Be not de- 33
 ceived.

‘Evil communications corrupt good manners.’

Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the 34
 knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

BUT some *man* will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come? *Thou* fool! that which thou sowest is not quickened except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain; it may chance of wheat, or of some other *grain*: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body. All flesh is not the same flesh; but *there is one kind of* flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. *There are* also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is another. *There is* one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for *one* star differeth from *another* star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption: 'it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. And so it is written, "The first man Adam was made a living soul," the last Adam *was made* a quickening Spirit. Howbeit, that *was* not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as *is* the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 'in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump, (for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written,

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O DEATH, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

NOW concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet that I go also, they shall go with me. Now I will come unto you, when I shall pass through Macedonia, (for I do

pass through Macedonia,) 'and it may be that I will abide, yea, 6
and winter with you, that ye may bring me on my journey whith-
ersoever I go. For I will not see you now by the way; but I 7
trust to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. But I will 8
tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost. For a great door and effectual 9
is opened unto me, and *there are* many adversaries.

Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without 10
fear; for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also *do*. Let no 11
man therefore despise him: but conduct him forth in peace, that
he may come unto me: for I look for him with the brethren. As 12
touching *our* brother Apollos, I greatly desired him to come unto
you with the brethren: but his will was not at all to come at this
time; but he will come when he shall have convenient time.
Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 13
Let all your things be done with charity. 14

I BESEECH you, brethren: ye know the house of Stephanas, 15
that it is the first-fruits of Achaia, and *that* they have ad-
dicted themselves to the ministry of the saints, that ye submit 16
yourselves unto such, and to every one that helpeth with *us*, and
laboreth. I am glad of the coming of Stephanas, and Fortunatus, 17
and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part, they have
supplied. For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: there- 18
fore acknowledge ye them that are such.

THE churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Priscilla sa- 19
lute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.
'All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with a holy 20
kiss.

'THE salutation of *me* Paul with mine own hand. 'If any 21
man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema!
Maran-atha. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. 23
My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen. 24

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS.

PAUL, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and 1
Timothy *our* brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth,
with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Grace *be* to you, and 2
peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSED *be* God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 3
the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; who comfort- 4
eth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them
which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves
are comforted of God: for as the sufferings of Christ abound in 5
us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether 6
we be afflicted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation, which is
effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also

suffer: or whether we be comforted, *it is* for your consolation and salvation: and our hope of you *is* stedfast, knowing, that as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so *shall ye be* also of the consolation. For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: but we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: 'who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver *us*: ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift *bestowed* upon us by the means of many persons, thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

FOR our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in simplicity and godly sincerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, we have had our conversation in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or acknowledge; and I trust ye shall acknowledge even to the end; as also ye have acknowledged us in part, that we are your rejoicing, even as ye also *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus.

AND in this confidence I was minded to come unto you before, that ye might have a second benefit; and to pass by you into Macedonia, and to come again out of Macedonia unto you, and of you to be brought on my way toward Judea. When I therefore was thus minded, did I use lightness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be yea, yea, and nay, nay? But *as* God *is* true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, *even* by me, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea, ' (for all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him, Amen.) unto the glory of God by us. Now he which establisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, *is* God; who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts. Moreover, I call God for a record upon my soul, that to spare you I came not as yet unto Corinth. Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand. But I determined this with myself, that I would not come again to you in heaviness. For if I make you sorry, who is he then that maketh me glad, but the same which is made sorry by me? And I wrote this same unto you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice, having confidence in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be grieved, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

BUT if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many. So that contrariwise, ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*,

lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with over-much sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him: for to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ: 'lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

FURTHERMORE, when I came to Troas to *preach* Christ's gospel, and a door was opened unto me of the Lord, 'I had no rest in my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went from thence into Macedonia.

NOW thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savor of his knowledge by us in every place! For we are unto God a sweet savor of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one *we are* the savor of death unto death; and to the other the savor of life unto life. And who *is* sufficient for these things? 'For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. Do we begin again to commend ourselves? or need we, as some *others*, epistles of commendation to you, or *letters* of commendation from you? Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: *forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshly tables of the heart. And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency *is* of God; who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, written *and* engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which *glory* was to be done away: how shall not the ministration of the Spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation *be* glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away *was* glorious, much more that which remaineth *is* glorious. Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: and not as Moses, *which* put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not stedfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: - but their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart. Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty - but we all, with open face beholding

as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

THEREFORE, seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; but have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty; not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but, by manifestation of the truth, commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; 'persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. So then death worketh in us, but life in you. We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written,

I believed, and therefore have I spoken;

We also believe, and therefore speak; 'knowing, that he which raised up the Lord Jesus, shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you. For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might, through the thanksgiving of many, redound to the glory of God.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life. Now, he that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: (for we walk by faith, not by sight :) we are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent

from the body, and to be present with the Lord. Wherefore we 9
labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of 10
him. For we must all appear before the judgment-seat of Christ; 10
that every one may receive the things *done* in *his* body, according
to that he hath done, whether *it be* good or bad.

KNOWING therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; 11
but we are made manifest unto God: and I trust also are made
manifest in your consciences. For we commend not ourselves 1
again unto you, but give you occasion to glory on our behalf, that
ye may have somewhat to *answer* them which glory in appear-
ance, and not in heart. For whether we be beside ourselves, *it* 13
is to God: or whether we be sober, *it is* for your cause. For the 14
love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if
one died for all, then were all dead: and *that* he died for all, that 15
they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves,
but unto him who died for them, and rose again. Wherefore 16
henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we
have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know
we *him* no more. Therefore, if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new 17
creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are be-
come new. And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to 18
himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of re-
conciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world 19
unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath
committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we 20
are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us:
we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. For he 21
hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin: that we might
be made the righteousness of God in him. We then, *as* workers 6
together *with him*, beseech *you* also that ye receive not the grace
of God in vain: (for he saith, 2

I have heard thee in a time accepted,
And in the day of salvation have I succored thee:
Behold NOW is the accepted time!
Behold, NOW is the day of salvation!)

giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: 3
but in all *things* approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in 4
much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, ' in 5
stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in
fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by long-suffering, by kind- 6
ness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, ' by the word of truth, 7
by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right
hand and on the left, ' by honor and dishonor, by evil report and 8
good report; as deceivers, and *yet* true; ' as unknown, and *yet* 9
well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and
not killed; ' as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing: as poor, yet mak- 10
ing many rich; as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.
O ye Corinthians, our mouth is open unto you, our heart is en- 11
larged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in 12
your own bowels. Now for a recompense in the same (I speak 13
as unto *my* children,) be ye also enlarged.

BE ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for 14
 what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and
 what communion hath light with darkness? and what concord 15
 hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth
 with an infidel? and what agreement hath the temple of God 16
 with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God
 hath said,

I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*;
 And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
 Wherefore come out from among them,
 And be ye separate, saith the LORD,
 And touch not the unclean *thing*;
 And I will receive you;
 And will be a Father unto you,
 And ye shall be my sons and daughters,
 Saith the LORD Almighty.

17

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse 7
 ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting
 holiness in the fear of God.

RECEIVE us: we have wronged no man, we have corrupted 2
 no man, we have defrauded no man. I speak not *this* to con- 3
 demn *you*; for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to
 die and live with *you*. Great is my boldness of speech toward 4
 you, great is my glorying of you: I am filled with comfort, I am
 exceeding joyful in all our tribulation. For, when we were 5
 come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were
 troubled on every side; without *were* fightings, within *were* fears.
 Nevertheless God, that comforteth those that are cast down, com- 6
 comforted us by the coming of Titus; and not by his coming only, 7
 but by the consolation wherewith he was comforted in you,
 when he told us your earnest desire, your mourning, your fervent 8
 mind toward me; so that I rejoiced the more. For though I
 made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did re- 9
 pent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry,
 though *it were* but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were 9
 made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were
 made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage 10
 by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to sal-
 vation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world work- 10
 eth death. For behold this self-same thing, that ye sorrowed 11
 after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what*
 clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea,
what vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all 11
things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.
 Wherefore, though I wrote unto you, *I did it* not for his cause 12
 that had done the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered wrong,
 but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear
 unto you. Therefore we were comforted in your comfort; yea, 13
 and exceedingly the more joyed we for the joy of Titus, because
 his spirit was refreshed by you all. For if I have boasted any 14
 thing to him of you, I am not ashamed; but as we spake all things
 to you in truth, even so our boasting, which *I made* before Titus,
 is found a truth. And his inward affection is more abundant to- 15

ward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and trembling ye received him. I rejoyce therefore that I have confidence in you in all *things*. 16

MOREOVER, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; how that in a great trial of affliction, the abundance of their joy, and their deep poverty, abounded unto the riches of their liberality: for to *their* power, (I bear record,) yea, and beyond *their* power, *they were* willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty, that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God: insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also. Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing*, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also: I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love: — For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich: — and herein I give *my* advice. For this is expedient for you, who have begun before, not only to do, but also to be forward a year ago. Now therefore perform the doing of *it*; that as *there was* a readiness to will, so *there may be* a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not. For *I* mean not that other men be eased, and you burdened: but by an equality, *that* now at this time your abundance *may be a supply* for their want, that their abundance also may be *a supply* for your want: that there may be equality: 'as it is written, "He that *had gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *had gathered* little had no lack." But thanks be to God, which put the same earnest care into the heart of Titus for you. For indeed he accepted the exhortation; but being more forward, of his own accord he went unto you. And we have sent with him the brother, whose praise *is* in the gospel throughout all the churches; and not *that* only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us with this grace, which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and *declaration of* your ready mind: avoiding this, that no man should blame us in this abundance which is administered by us: providing for honest things not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men. And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have oftentimes proved diligent in many things, but now much more diligent, upon the great confidence which *I have* in you. Whether *any do* inquire of Titus, *he is* my partner and fellow-helper concerning you: or our brethren *be inquired of*, *they are* the messengers of the churches, and the glory of Christ. Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf. For as touching the ministering to 9

the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you: for I know 2
the forwardness of your mind, for which I boast of you to them
of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal 3
hath provoked very many. Yet have I sent the brethren, lest
our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I 4
said, ye may be ready: lest haply if they of Macedonia come
with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye)
should be ashamed in this same confident boasting. Therefore 5
I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go
before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof
ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a *matter* 6
of bounty, and not as of covetousness. But this *I say*, He which
soweth sparingly, shall reap also sparingly; and he which sow- 7
eth bountifully, shall reap also bountifully. Every man accord-
ing as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly,
or of necessity:

For God loveth a cheerful giver.

And God *is* able to make all *grace* abound toward you; that ye, 8
always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may abound to every 9
good work: as it is written,

He hath dispersed abroad;
He hath given to the poor:
His righteousness remaineth for ever.

Now, he that ministereth seed to the sower, both minister bread 10
for *your* food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the
fruits of your righteousness; being enriched in every thing to all 11
bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want 12
of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto
God; while by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God 13
for your professed subjection to the gospel of Christ, and for *your*
liberal distribution unto them, and unto all *men*; and by their 14
prayer for you, which long after you, for the exceeding grace of
God in you. Thanks *be* unto God for his unspeakable gift. 15

NOW I Paul myself beseech you, by the meekness and gen-10
tleness of Christ, who in presence *am* base among you, but being
absent *am* bold toward you: but I beseech *you*, that I may not be 2
bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think
to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked ac-
cording to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do 3
not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare *are* not 4
carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong
holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that 5
exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into
captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; and having 6
in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience
is fulfilled. Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? 7
If any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself
think this again, that, as he *is* Christ's, even so *are* we Christ's.
For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, 8
which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your

destruction, I should not be ashamed: that I may not seem as if 9
 I would terrify you by letters: for *his* letters, say they, are 10
 weighty and powerful; but *his* bodily presence is weak, and *his*
 speech contemptible: let such a one think this, that such as we 11
 are in word by letters when we are absent, such *will we be* also
 indeed when we are present. For we dare not make ourselves 12
 of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend
 themselves: but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and
 comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. But we 13
 will not boast of things without *our* measure, but according to the
 measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure
 to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves beyond 14
our measure as though we reached not unto you; for we are come
 as far as to you also in *preaching* the gospel of Christ: not boast- 15
 ing of things without *our* measure, *that is*, of other men's labors;
 but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be
 enlarged by you, according to our rule, abundantly, 'to preach 16
 the gospel in the *regions* beyond you, and not to boast in another
 man's line of things made ready to our hand.

But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

17

For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the 18
 Lord commendeth.

WOULD to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly! 19
 And indeed bear with me. 'For I am jealous over you with godly 2
 jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may
 present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any 3
 means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your
 minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have 4
 not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not
 received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might
 well bear with *him*. For I suppose I was not a whit behind the 5
 very chiefest Apostles. But though *I be* rude in speech, yet not 6
 in knowledge; but we have been thoroughly made manifest
 among you in all things. Have I committed an offence in abasing 7
 myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you
 the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages 8
of them, to do you service. And when I was present with you, 9
 and wanted, I was chargeable to no man: for that which was
 lacking to me the brethren which came from Macedonia sup-
 plied: and in all *things* I have kept myself from being burden-
 some unto you, and so will I keep *myself*. As the truth of Christ 10
 is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting in the regions of
 Achaia. Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. 11
 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from 12
 them which desire occasion: that wherein they glory, they may
 be found even as we. For such *are* false Apostles, deceitful 13
 workers, transforming themselves into the Apostles of Christ. And 14
 no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of
 light. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be trans- 15

formed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. I say again, Let no man think me a fool: 16 if otherwise, yet as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little. That which I speak, I speak *it* not after the Lord, but as 17 it were foolishly, in this confidence of boasting. Seeing that 18 many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. For ye suffer fools 19 gladly, seeing ye *yourselves* are wise. For ye suffer, if a man 20 bring you into bondage, if a man devour *you*, if a man take of *you*, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you on the face. I 21 speak as concerning reproach, as though we had been weak. Howbeit, whereinsoever any is bold, (I speak foolishly) I am bold also; 'are they Hebrews? so *am* I: are they Israelites? so *am* 22 I: are they the seed of Abraham? so *am* I: 'are they ministers 23 of Christ? (I speak as a fool.) I *am* more; in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft; of the Jews five times received I forty *stripes* save one: 24 thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suf- 25 fered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; *in* 26 journeyings often, *in* perils of waters, *in* perils of robbers, *in* perils by *mine own* countrymen, *in* perils by the heathen, *in* perils in the city, *in* perils in the wilderness, *in* perils in the sea, *in* perils among false brethren; in weariness and painfulness, in 27 watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Besides those things that are without, that which 28 cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches. Who is 29 weak, and I am not weak? who is offended, and I burn not? If 30 I must needs glory, I will glory of the things which concern mine infirmities. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 31 which is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. In Da- 32 mascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: and 33 through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands. It is not expedient for me doubtless to 34 glory:

I WILL come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 'I knew 2 a man in Christ above fourteen years ago. (whether in the body, I cannot tell: or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such a one caught up to the third heaven. And 3 I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) 'how that he was caught up into 4 paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one will I glory: yet of myself I 5 will not glory, but in mine infirmities. For though I would de- 6 sire to glory, I shall not be a fool: for I will say the truth; but *now* I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me *to be*, or *that* he heareth of me. And lest I should 7 be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart 8 from me. And he said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee: 9

for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong. I am become a fool in glorying; ye have compelled me: for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing am I behind the very chiefest Apostles, though I be nothing. Truly the signs of an Apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds. For what is it wherein ye were inferior to other churches, except *it be* that I myself was not burdensome to you? forgive me this wrong.

BEHOLD, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. And I will very gladly spend and be spent for you; though the more abundantly I love you, the less I be loved. But be it so.

I DID not burden you: nevertheless, 'being crafty, I caught you with guile.' Did I make a gain of you by any of them whom I sent unto you? I desired Titus, and with *him* I sent a brother. Did Titus make a gain of you? walked we not in the same spirit? *walked we not in the same steps?*

AGAIN think ye, that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but *we do* all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying. For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and *that* I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest *there be* debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: *and* lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and *that* I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness, and fornication, and lasciviousness, which they have committed.

THIS is the third time I am coming to you: in the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now, I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that if I come again, I will not spare: since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? 'But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates. 'Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, *even* your perfection. Therefore

I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction.

FINALLY, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, 11
be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace
shall be with you. 'Greet one another with a holy kiss: 'All the 12
saints salute you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the 14
love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you
all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS.

PAUL, an Apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Je- 1
sus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;) 2
and all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of 2
Galatia: grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and 3
from our Lord Jesus Christ, ' who gave himself for our sins, that 4
he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the
will of God and our Father: to whom *be* glory for ever and ever! 5
Amen.

I MARVEL that ye are so soon removed from him that called 6
you into the grace of Christ, unto another gospel: which is not 7
another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert
the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, 8
preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have
preached unto you, let him be accursed! As we said before, so 9
say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you
than that ye have received, let him be accursed! For do I now 10
persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet
pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

BUT I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preach- 11
ed of me is not after man: for I neither received it of man, nei- 12
ther was I taught *it*, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. For 13
ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' re-
ligion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God,
and wasted it; and profited in the Jews' religion above many my 14
equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of
the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separ- 15
ated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by his grace,
'to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the 16
heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: nei- 17
ther went I up to Jerusalem to them which were Apostles before
me: but I went into Arabia, and returned again unto Damascus.
Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to see Peter, and 18
abode with him fifteen days. But other of the Apostles saw I 19

none, save James the Lord's brother. (Now the things which I
 write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.) Afterwards I came
 into the regions of Syria and Cilicia; and was unknown by face
 unto the churches of Judea which were in Christ: But they had
 heard only, 'That he which persecuted us in times past, now
 'preacheth the faith which once he destroyed;' and they glorified
 God in me. Then fourteen years after I went up again to
 Jerusalem with Barnabas, and took Titus with *me* also. And I
 went up by revelation, and communicated unto them that gospel
 which I preach among the Gentiles, (but privately to them which
 were of reputation,) lest by any means I should run, or had run,
 in vain. But neither Titus, who was with me, being a Greek.
 was compelled to be circumcised: and that because of false
 brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our
 liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us
 into bondage: to whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for
 an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.
 But of those who seemed to be somewhat, - whatsoever they
 were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:
 for they who seemed *to be somewhat*, - in conference added
 nothing to me: but contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel
 of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the
 circumcision *was* unto Peter; (for he that wrought effectually in
 Peter to the Apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty
 in me toward the Gentiles:) and when James, Cephas, and John,
 who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given
 unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship;
 that we *should go* unto the heathen, and they unto the
 circumcision, only *they would* that we should remember the poor;
 the same which I also was forward to do. But when Peter was
 come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to
 be blamed. For, before that certain came from James, he did
 eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew,
 and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision.
 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him: in-
 somuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation.
 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according
 to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before *them* all,
 'If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and
 'not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as
 'do the Jews? We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of
 the Gentiles, knowing that a man is not justified by the works
 'of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have be-
 'lieved in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of
 'Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of
 'the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be
 'justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, *is there*
 'fore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. 'For if I build again
 'the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For
 'I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto
 God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live: yet not

'I, but Christ liveth in me : and the life which I now live in the
'flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and
'gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God : for 21
'if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.'

O FOOLISH Galatians! who hath bewitched you, that ye 3
should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath
been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would 2
I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or
by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the 3
Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? Have ye suffered 4
so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. He therefore that 5
ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you,
doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him 6
for righteousness. Know ye therefore, that they which are of 7
faith, the same are the children of Abraham. And the scripture, 8
foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith,
preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, "In thee
shall all nations be blessed." So then they which be of 9
faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. For as many as are of 10
the works of the law, are under the curse: for it is written,
"Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all
things which are written in the book of the law to
do them." But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of 11
God, *it is* evident: for, "The just shall live by faith;"
'and the law is not of faith: but, "The man that doeth 12
them shall live in them." Christ hath redeemed us from 13
the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: (for it is writ-
ten, "Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree;")
that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through 14
Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith. Brethren, I speak after the manner of men; 15
Though *it be* but a man's covenant, yet *if it be* confirmed, no man
disannulleth or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham and his seed 16
were the promises made. He saith not, 'And to SEEDS; as
of many; but as of one, "And to thy SEED," which is Christ.
And this I say, *That* the covenant that was confirmed before of 17
God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years
after, cannot disannul. that it should make the promise of none
effect. For if the inheritance *be* of the law, *it is* no more of 18
promise: but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise.

'WHEREFORE then *serveth* the law?' It was added because of 19
transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise
was made; *and it was* ordained by angels in the hand of a me-
diator. Now, a mediator is not *a mediator* of one: 'but God is 20
one. 'Is the law then against the promises of God?' God forbid: 21
for if there had been a law given which could have given life,
verily righteousness should have been by the law. But the 22
scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith
of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. But before 23
faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith

which should afterwards be revealed. Wherefore the law was 24
 our school-master *to bring us* unto Christ, that we might be justi- 25
 fied by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer un- 26
 der a school-master. For ye are all the children of God by faith 27
 in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into 28
 Christ, have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, 29
 there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: 30
 for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye *be* Christ's, then are 31
 ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Now I 32
 say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from 33
 a servant, though he be lord of all; but is under tutors and gov- 34
 ernors until the time appointed of the father. Even so we, when 35
 we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the 36
 world: but when the fullness of the time was come, God sent 37
 forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 'to re- 38
 deem them that were under the law, that we might receive the 39
 adoption of sons. And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth 40
 the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father! 41
 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, 42
 then an heir of God through Christ. Howbeit then, when ye 43
 knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no 44
 gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are 45
 known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly ele- 46
 ments, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe 47
 days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest 48
 I have bestowed upon you labor in vain. 49

BRETHREN, I beseech you, be as I *am*: for I *am* as ye *are*. 50
 Ye have not injured me at all. 'Ye know how through infirmity 51
 of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first. And my 52
 temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; 53
 but received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus. Where 54
 is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that 55
 if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, 56
 and have given them to me. Am I therefore become your ene- 57
 my because I tell you the truth? They zealously affect you, *but* 58
 not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect 59
 them. But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in a good 60
 thing, and not only when I am present with you. My little chil- 61
 dren, of whom I travail in birth again, until Christ be formed in 62
 you, 'I desire to be present with you now, and to change my 63
 voice; for I stand in doubt of you. 64

TELL me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear 65
 the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons; the one 66
 by a bond-maid, the other by a free-woman. But he *who was* of 67
 the bond-woman, was born after the flesh; but he of the free- 68
 woman *was* by promise. 'Which things are an allegory. For 69
 these are the two covenants: the one from the mount Sinai, 70
 which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar, '(for this Agar is 71
 mount Sinai in Arabia,) and answereth to Jerusalem which now 72
 is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which 73
 is above is free, which is the mother of us all. For it is written, 74

Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not !
 Break forth and cry, *thou* that travailest not !
 For the desolate hath many more children
 Than she which hath a husband.

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. 28
 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that* 29
was born after the Spirit, even so *it is* now. Nevertheless, what 30
 saith the scripture? "Cast out the bond-woman and her
 son: for the son of the bond-woman shall not be heir
 with the son of the free-woman." So then, brethren, we 31
 are not children of the bond-woman, but of the free.

STAND fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath 5
 made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bond- 2
 age. Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, 3
 Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man 3
 that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4
 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are 4
 justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace. For we through 5
 the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. For in 6
 Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncir- 7
 cumcision; but faith which worketh by love. Ye did run well; 7
 who did hinder you, that ye should not obey the truth? This per- 8
 suasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you. A little leaven leav- 9
 eneth the whole lump.

I HAVE confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be 10
 none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear *his*
 judgment whosoever he be. And I, brethren, if I yet preach 11
 circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the of-
 fence of the cross ceased. I would they were even cut off which 12
 trouble you!

FOR, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not 13
 liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.
 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this, "Thou shalt 14
 love thy neighbor as thyself." But if ye bite and devour one an- 15
 other, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. *This* 16
 I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of
 the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit 17
 against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other; so
 that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by 18
 the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the 19
 flesh are manifest, which are *these*, Adultery, fornication, un-
 cleanness, lasciviousness, ' idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, 20
 emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, ' envyings, murders, 21
 drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you
 before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do
 such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit 22
 of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, good-
 ness, faith, ' meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. 23
 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the af- 24
 fections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in 25
 the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain-glory, provoking one 26
 another, envying one another.

BRETHREN, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are 6
 spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; consider- 2
 ing thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's bur- 3
 dens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. For if a man think him- 3
 self to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4
 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have 4
 rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. For every man 5
 shall bear his own burden. Let him that is taught in the word, 6
 communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not 7
 deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, 7
 that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh, shall of 8
 the flesh reap corruption: but he that soweth to the Spirit, shall 8
 of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in 9
 well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As 9
 we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, espe- 10
 cially unto them who are of the household of faith.

YE see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine 11
 own hand. As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, 12
 they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suf- 13
 fer persecution for the cross of Christ. For neither they them- 13
 selves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have 14
 you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But God 14
 forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus 15
 Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the 15
 world. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any 15
 thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature. And as many as 16
 walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and 16
 upon the Israel of God! From henceforth let no man trouble me: 17
 for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus. Brethren, 18
 the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS.

PAUL, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the 1
 saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus: 2
 grace *be* to you, and peace, from God our Father, and *from* the 2
 Lord Jesus Christ.

BLESSED *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who 3
 hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in 3
 Christ: according as he hath chosen us in him, before the foun- 4
 dation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame 4
 before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption 5
 of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good 5
 pleasure of his will, 'to the praise of the glory of his grace, 6
 wherein he hath made us accepted in the Beloved: in whom we 7

have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, — according to the riches of his grace, wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure, which he hath purposed in himself: that in the dispensation of the fullness of times, he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him: — in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: that we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ: in whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

WHEREFORE I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, 'cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 'which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, 'far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, 'which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all. And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins: wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others: but God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 'even when we were dead in sins; hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved!) 'and hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us, through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God, 'not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

WHEREFORE remember, that ye *being* in time past Gentiles

in the flesh, (who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh, made by hands :) that at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the common-wealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: but now, in Christ Jesus, ye, who sometime were far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances: for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: and came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God: and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner-stone: in whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together, for a habitation of God through the Spirit.

FOR this cause, I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, -- If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: how that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote afore in few words; whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ; which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy Apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellow-heirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the Gospel; whereof I was made a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power: (unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given.) that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ: and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ, to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places, might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: in whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, 'that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, 'may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length,

and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which 19
 passeth knowledge; that ye might be filled with all the fullness
 of God. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly 20
 above all that we ask or think, according to the power that work-
 eth in us, unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus through- 21
 out all ages, world without end! Amen.— I, therefore, the 4
 prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the
 vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meek- 2
 ness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, 'en- 3
 deavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one 4
hope of your calling: 'one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 'one 5,6
God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in
you all. But unto every one of us is given grace according to 7
the measure of the gift of Christ. — Wherefore he saith, 8

When he ascended up on high,
 He led captivity captive
 And gave gifts unto men.

Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first 9
 into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same 10
 also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill
 all things. — 'And he gave some, Apostles; and some, prophets; 11
 and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers, 'for the 12
 perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edi-
 fying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the 13
 faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect
 man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:
 that we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and 14
 carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men,
and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive: but 15
 speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things,
 which is the head, *even* Christ, 'from whom the whole body fitly 16
 joined together and compacted by that which every joint suppli-
 eth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every
 part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in
 love.

THIS I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye hence- 17
 forth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their
 mind, 'having the understanding darkened, being alienated from 18
 the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of
 the blindness of their heart: who, being past feeling, have given 19
 themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness
 with greediness. 'But ye have not so learned Christ, 'if so be 20
 that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the
 truth is in Jesus: that ye put off concerning the former conver- 22
 sation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful
 lusts; 'and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 'and that ye 23
 put on the new man, which after God is created in righteous-
 ness and true holiness. Wherefore putting away lying, speak 25
 every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of
 another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon 26

your wrath; 'neither give place to the Devil. 'Let him that 27
 stole, steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with *his*
 hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him
 that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your 29
 mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may
 minister grace unto the hearers; and grieve not the Holy Spirit 30
 of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let 31
 all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil-speak-
 ing, be put away from you, with all malice: and be ye kind one 32
 to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God
 for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Be ye therefore followers 5
 of God as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath 2
 loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacri-
 fice to God for a sweet-smelling savor.

BUT fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not 3
 be once named among you, (as becometh saints,) 'neither filthi- 4
 ness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient:
 but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whore- 5
 monger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idola-
 ter, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.
 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these 6
 things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedi-
 ence. 'Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 'For ye were 7,8
 sometime darkness, but now *are ye* light in the Lord: walk as
 children of light; (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, 9
 and righteousness, and truth;) proving what is acceptable unto 10
 the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of 11
 darkness, but rather reprove *them*: For it is a shame even to 12
 speak of those things which are done of them in secret. But all 13
 things that are reprov'd, are made manifest by the light: for
 whatsoever doth make manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, 14

Awake, thou that sleepest,
 And arise from the dead,
 And Christ shall give thee light.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 15
 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be 16
 ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord *is*. 17
 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled 18
 with the Spirit, 'speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, 19
 and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to
 the Lord, 'giving thanks always for all things unto God and the 20
 Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

SUBMITTING yourselves one to another in the fear of God: 21
 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the 22
 Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ 23
 is the head of the church: and he is the Savior of the body.
 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so *let* the wives 24
be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your 25
 wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself
 for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of 26
 water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious 27
 church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that

it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love 28
their wives, as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth
himself, 'for no man ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourish- 29
eth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. For we are 30
members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. "For this 31
cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and
shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall
be one flesh." This is a great mystery: but I speak concern- 32
ing Christ and the church. Nevertheless, let every one of you 33
in particular so love his wife even as himself: and the wife see
that she reverence *her* husband. Children, obey your parents in 6
the Lord: for this is right. "Honor thy father and mother," 2
(which is the first commandment with promise,) "that it may 3
be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on
the earth." And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to 4
wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the
Lord. Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters accord- 5
ing to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of
your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleas- 6
ers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God, from
the heart: with good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not 7
to men: knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, 8
the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or
free. And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbear- 9
ing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven:
neither is there respect of persons with him.

FINALLY, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power 10
of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be 11
able to stand against the wiles of the Devil. For we wrestle not 12
against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual
wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole 13
armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and
having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins 14
girt about with truth, and having on the breast-plate of righteous-
ness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of 15
peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall 16
be able to quench all the fiery darts of the Wicked. And take 17
the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the
word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication 18
in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and
supplication for all saints, 'and for me, that utterance may be 19
given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known
the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in 20
bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

BUT that ye also may know my affairs, *and* how I do, Tychicus, 21
a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make
known to you all things: whom I have sent unto you for the 22
same purpose, that ye might know our affairs, and *that* he might
comfort your hearts. Peace *be* to the brethren, and love with 23
faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace *be* 24
with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

PAUL and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the **1**
saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and
deacons. Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father, **2**
and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ.

'I THANK my God upon every remembrance of you, 'always **3,4**
in every prayer of mine for you all, - making request with joy, -
for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now: **5**
being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a **6**
good work in you, will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:
even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have **7**
you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the de-
fence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my
grace. For God is my record, how greatly I long after you all in **8**
the bowels of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may **9**
abound yet more and more in knowledge and *in* all judgment;
'that ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be **10**
sincere and without offence till the day of Christ, being filled **11**
with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto
the glory and praise of God.

But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things **12**
which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the further-
ance of the gospel; so that my bonds in Christ are manifest in **13**
all the palace, and in all other *places*, 'and many of the brethren **14**
in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold
to speak the word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ even **15**
of envy and strife; and some also of good will. The one preach **16**
Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to
my bonds. But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the **17**
defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, **18**
whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is preached; and I there-
in do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. For I know that this shall **19**
turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the
Spirit of Jesus Christ, 'according to my earnest expectation, and **20**
my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but *that* with all
boldness, as always, so now also, Christ shall be magnified in my
body, whether *it be* by life, or by death. For to me to live *is* **21**
Christ, and to die *is* gain. But if I live in the flesh, this *is* the **22**
fruit of my labor; yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am **23**
in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with
Christ; which is far better: nevertheless, to abide in the flesh *is* **24**
more needful for you. And having this confidence, I know that **25**
I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and

joy of faith; that your rejoicing may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me, by my coming to you again. 26

ONLY let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; and in nothing terrified by your adversaries: which is to them an evident token of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that of God. For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake; having the same conflict which ye saw in me, *and now hear to be in me*. If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 'fulfil ye my joy, that ye be like-minded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind. *Let nothing be done* through strife or vain-glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus, 'who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth, 'and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation: among whom ye shine as lights in the world, 'holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither labored in vain. Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy and rejoice with you all: for the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me. 27 28 29 30 2 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 17 18

BUT I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. For I have no man like-minded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's. But ye know the proof of him, that as a son with the father, he hath served with me in the gospel. Him therefore I hope to send presently, so soon as I shall see how it will go with me. But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly. Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labor, and fellow-soldier, but your mes-

senger, and he that ministered to my wants; for he longed after 26
 you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that
 he had been sick. For indeed he was sick, nigh unto death: 27
 but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me
 also, lest I should have sorrow upon sorrow. I sent him therefore 28
 the more carefully, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice,
 and that I may be the less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in 29
 the Lord with all gladness; and hold such in reputation. Be- 30
 cause for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regard-
 ing his life, to supply your lack of service toward me.

FINALLY, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the 3
 same things to you, to me indeed *is* not grievous, but for you *it*
is safe. Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the 2
 concision. For we are the circumcision, which worship God in 3
 the Spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in
 the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. 4
 If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust
 in the flesh, I more: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of 5
 Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; as
 touching the law a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the 6
 church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blame-
 less. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for 7
 Christ. Yea, doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the ex- 8
 cellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom
 I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung,
 that I may win Christ, 'and be found in him, not having mine 9
 own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through
 the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:
 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the 10
 fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his
 death; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of 11
 the dead. Not as though I had already attained, either were al- 12
 ready perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that
 for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I 13
 count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*,
 forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto
 those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the 14
 prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Let us there- 15
 fore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing
 ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.
 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by 16
 the same rule, let us mind the same thing. Brethren, be follow- 17
 ers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us
 for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I have told you 18
 often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies
 of the cross of Christ, 'whose end *is* destruction, whose God *is* 19
their belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly
 things. For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also 20
 we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 'who shall change 21
 our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious
 body, according to the working whereby he is able even to sub-

due all things unto himself. Therefore, my brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, *my* dearly beloved. 4

I BESEECH Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord. And I entreat thee also, true yoke-fellow, help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and *with* other my fellow-laborers, whose names *are* in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord alway: *and* again I say, Rejoice! Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand: 'be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God; and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things; those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

BUT I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need: I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Notwithstanding, ye have well done that ye did communicate with my affliction. Now ye Philippians, know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only: for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now unto God and our Father *be* glory for ever and ever! Amen. 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20

SALUTE every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you: 'all the saints salute you; chiefly they that are of Cesar's household. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen. 21 22

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE COLOSSIANS.

PAUL an apostle of Jesus Christ, by the will of God, and **1**
 Timotheus *our* brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in **2**
 Christ which are at Colosse. Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from
 God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE give thanks to God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus **3**
 Christ, praying always for you, 'since we heard of your faith in **4**
 Christ Jesus, and of the love *which ye have* to all the saints, 'for **5**
 the hope which is laid up for you in heaven; whereof ye heard **6**
 before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which is come
 unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it*
doth also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the grace
 of God in truth: as ye also learned of Epaphras our dear fellow- **7**
 servant, who is for you a faithful minister of Christ: who also **8**
 declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

FOR this cause we also, since the day we heard *it*, do not **9**
 cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with
 the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual under-
 standing: that ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleas- **10**
 ing; being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the
 knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to his **11**
 glorious power, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyful-
 ness; giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet **12**
 to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, who hath **13**
 delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us
 into the kingdom of his dear Son, in whom we have redemp- **14**
 tion, through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: who is the **15**
 image of the invisible God, the first-born of every creature: for **16**
 by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are
 in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or domin-
 ions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him
 and for him: and he is before all things, and by him all things **17**
 consist; 'and he is the head of the body, the church: who is the **18**
 beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all *things* he
 might have the pre-eminence: for it pleased *the Father* that in **19**
 him should all fullness dwell; and having made peace through **20**
 the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto him-
 self; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in
 heaven.

AND you, that were sometime alienated, and enemies in *your* **21**
 mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 'in the body **22**
 of his flesh through death; to present you holy, and unblamable,
 and unreprouvable in his sight; if ye continue in the faith **23**
 grounded and settled, and *be* not moved away from the hope of
 the gospel, which ye have heard, *and* which was preached to

every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church: whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God: *even* the mystery which hath been hid from ages, and from generations; but now is made manifest to his saints, to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him, rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: in whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh: by the circumcision of Christ, buried with him in baptism; wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; and having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a holy-day, or of the new-moon, or of the sabbath-days: which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, and not holding the head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. Where-

fore, if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, ' ('Touch not; taste not; handle not!' 'which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honor to the satisfying of the flesh.

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, *who is our life*, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

MORTIFY therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: for which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience; in the which ye also walked sometime, when ye lived in them: but now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth; lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering; (forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.) And above all these things *put on* charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

WIVES, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well-pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to *anger*, lest they be discouraged. Servants, obey in all things *your* masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God: 'and whatsoever ye do, *do* it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ. But he that doeth wrong, shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons. Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is just and equal: knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

CONTINUE in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving; withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds: that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

ALL my state shall Tychicus declare unto you, *who is* a beloved brother, and a faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord: whom I have sent unto you for the same purpose, (that he might know your estate, and comfort your hearts,) *'with* Onesimus, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They shall make known unto you all things which *are done* here. Aristarchus, my fellow-prisoner, saluteth you; and Marcus, sister's son to Barnabas; (touching whom ye received commandments; if he come unto you, receive him;) and Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision. These only *are my* fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, which have been a comfort unto me. Epaphras, who is *one* of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, always laboring fervently for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. For I bear him record, that he hath a great zeal for you, and them *that are* in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas, greet you. Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church which is in his house. And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, 'Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.' The salutation by the hand of me Paul. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS.

PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians *which is* in God the Father, and *in* the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace *be* unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

WE give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God: for our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. And ye became followers of us

and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: so that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad: so that we need not to speak any thing. For they themselves show of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God: and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: but even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. For our exhortation *was* not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile; but as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness; God is witness: nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the Apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God *also*, how holily, and justly, and unblamably we behaved ourselves among you that believe: as ye know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children, that ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory. For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe. For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they *have* of the Jews: who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins always: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

But we, brethren, being taken from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored the more abundantly to see your face with great desire. Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again: but Satan hindered us. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *are* not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For

ye are our glory and joy. Wherefore, when we could no longer
 forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone; and sent
 Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellow-la-
 borer in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you
 concerning your faith: that no man should be moved by these
 afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto;
 for verily, when we were with you, we told you before that we
 should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass, and ye know.
 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, I sent to know
 your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you,
 and our labor be in vain. But now, when Timotheus came from
 you unto us, and brought us good tidings of your faith and
 charity, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, de-
 siring greatly to see us, as we also *to see you*: therefore, brethren,
 we were comforted over you in all our affliction and distress by
 your faith; 'for now we live, if ye stand fast in the Lord.' For
 what thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy
 wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; night and day
 praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might per-
 fect that which is lacking in your faith? Now God himself and
 our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one to-
 ward another, and toward all *men*, even as we *do* toward you:
 to the end he may stablish your hearts unblamable in holiness
 before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus
 Christ with all his saints.

FURTHERMORE then we beseech you, brethren, and ex-
 hort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how
 ye ought to walk and to please God, *so* ye would abound more
 and more: for ye know what commandments we gave you by
 the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctifica-
 tion, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of
 you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and
 honor, 'not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles
 which know not God: that no *man* go beyond and defraud his
 brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of
 all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God
 hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He
 therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God who hath
 also given unto us his Holy Spirit.

BUT as touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto
 you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another:
 and indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all
 Macedonia. But we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase
 more and more; and that ye study to be quiet, and to do your
 own business, and to work with your own hands, as we com-
 manded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are
 without, and *that* ye may have lack of nothing.

BUT I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concern-
 ing them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others
 which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose

again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, 15 that we which are alive *and* remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself 16 shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive *and* remain shall be 17 caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore, 18 comfort one another with these words.

BUT of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need 5 that I write unto you; for yourselves know perfectly, that the 2 day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when 3 they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day 4 should overtake you as a thief; ye are all the children of light, 5 and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as *do* others; but let us watch 6 and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they 7 that be drunken, are drunken in the night. But let us, who are 8 of the day, be sober, putting on the breast-plate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not ap- 9 pointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 'who died for us; that, whether we wake or sleep, we 10 should live together with him. Wherefore, comfort yourselves 11 together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

AND we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor 12 among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. 13 *And* be at peace among yourselves.

Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, 14 comfort the feeble-minded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*. See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but 15 ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*. 'Rejoice evermore. 'Pray without ceasing. 'In every 16 thing give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 'Quench not the Spirit: 'despise not prophesyings. 19 'Prove all things; hold fast that which is good: 'abstain from 21 all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you 23 wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do *it*. 24

BRETHREN, pray for us. 'Greet all the brethren with a holy 25 kiss. I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all 27 the holy brethren. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with 28 you. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS.

PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians, in God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 2

WE are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is meet, because that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth; so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure: *which* is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God, that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer. Seeing *it* is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; and to you who are troubled, rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire; taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, (because our testimony among you was believed,) in that day. Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of *this* calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of *his* goodness, and the work of faith with power: that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God, and of the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

NOW we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and *by* our gathering together unto him, 'that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled—neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us,—as that the day of Christ is at hand. Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a falling away first, and that Man of sin be revealed, the Son of perdition, 'who oppose'h and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he, as God, sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Remember ye not, that when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth *will let*, until he be taken out of the way: and then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: *even him*, whose coming is after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of un- 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

righteousness in them that perish ; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie : that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

BUT we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation, through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth : whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle. Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, 'comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

FINALLY, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you ; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men : for all *men* have not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep *you* from evil. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us : for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you ; 'neither did we eat any man's bread for naught ; but wrought with labor and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you : not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat. For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busy-bodies. Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count *him* not as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother. Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord *be* with you all.

THE salutation of Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle : so I write : 'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY.

PAUL, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of **1**
God our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, *which is our hope,* 'unto **2**
Timothy *my own son in the faith:* Grace, mercy, *and* peace,
from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.

AS I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into **3**
Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no **4**
other doctrine, neither give heed to fables and endless genealog-
ies, which minister questions rather than godly edifying which **5**
is in faith; *so do.*—Now the end of the commandment is charity **6**
out of a pure heart, and *of* a good conscience, and *of* faith un-
feigned: from which some having swerved, have turned aside **7**
unto vain jangling, 'desiring to be teachers of the law, under-
standing neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm: but we **8**
know that the law *is* good, if a man use it lawfully; knowing **9**
this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the
lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for un-
holy and profane, for murderers of fathers, and murderers of **10**
mothers, for manslayers, 'for whoremongers, for them that defile
themselves with mankind, for men-stealers, for liars, for perjured
persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound
doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, **11**
which was committed 'o my trust. And I thank Christ Jesus our **12**
Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, put-
ting me into the ministry; who was before a blasphemer, and a **13**
persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did *it*
ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceed-
ing abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. **14**
This **15**
is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ
Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.
Howbeit, for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus **16**
Christ might show forth all long-suffering, for a pattern to them
which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting. Now **17**
unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be*
honor and glory for ever and ever! Amen.—This charge I **18**
commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies
which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a
good warfare, 'holding faith and a good conscience; which some **19**
having put away, concerning faith have made shipwreck: of **20**
whom is Hymeneus and Alexander; whom I have delivered
unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

I EXHORT therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, **2**
intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men: for **2**
kings, and *for* all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet
and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good **3**

and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 'who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time. Whereunto I am ordained a preacher and an Apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, *and lie not*.) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity. I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broidered hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, 'but (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works. Let the women learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. 'For Adam was first formed, then Eve. 'And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. Notwithstanding, she shall be saved in child-bearing, if they continue in faith, and charity, and holiness, with sobriety.

This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient; not a brawler, not covetous; 'one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the Devil: moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the Devil. Likewise *must* the deacons be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre, 'holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 'And let these also first be proved; then let them use the office of a deacon, being *found* blameless. Even so *must* their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things. Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

THESE things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly: but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth. And without controversy, great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. 'speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron, 'forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath

created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: for it is sanctified by the word of God, and prayer. If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained. But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise thyself *rather* unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come. This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance. For therefore we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God who is the Savior of all men, especially of those that believe. These things command and teach.

LET no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto thy doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee. Rebuke not an elder, but entreat *him* as a father; and the younger men as brethren; the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters; with all purity. Honor widows that are widows indeed. But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to show piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day: but she that liveth in pleasure, is dead while she liveth. And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless. But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man, well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work. But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry; having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith. And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also, and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully. For some are already turned aside after Satan. If any man or woman that believeth have widows, let them relieve them, and let not the church be charged; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. Let the elders that rule well, be

counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine. For the scripture saith, "Thou shalt 18 not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn;" and the laborer is worthy of his reward. Against an elder receive 19 not an accusation, but before two or three witnesses. Them 20 that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. I charge 21 thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands suddenly on no 22 man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. Drink no longer water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's 23 sake, and thine often infirmities. Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment: and some men they follow 24 after. Likewise also the good works of some are manifest beforehand; and they that are otherwise cannot be hid. 25

LET as many servants as are under the yoke count their own 6 masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and his doctrine be not blasphemed. And they that have believing masters 2 let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but rather do them service, because they are faithful and beloved, partakers of the benefit. These things teach and exhort.

If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome 3 words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness, ' he is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof 4 cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, ' perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. 5

' BUT godliness with contentment is great gain. ' For we brought 6,7 nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment, let us be therewith content. 8 But they that will be rich, fall into temptation, and a snare, and 9 into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all 10 evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

BUT thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after 11 righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight 12 the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses. I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth 13 all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession: that thou keep this commandment 14 without spot, unrebukable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ' which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and 15 only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; who only 16 hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see; to whom be honor and power everlasting. Amen.

CHARGE them that are rich in this world, that they be not 17 high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God,

who giveth us richly all things to enjoy ; that they do good, that 18
they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to com-
municate, laying up in store for themselves a good foundation 19
against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

O TIMOTHY, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoid- 20
ing profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely
so called ; which some professing, have erred concerning the 21
faith. Grace *be* with thee. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TIMOTHY.

PAUL, an Apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, ac- 1
cording to the promise of life which is in Christ Jesus, to Timo- 2
thy, *my* dearly beloved son : Grace, mercy, *and* peace, from God
the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I THANK God, whom I serve from *my* forefathers with pure 3
conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in
my prayers night and day, ' greatly desiring to see thee, being 4
mindful of thy tears, that I may be filled with joy ; when I call 5
to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt
first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice ; and I am
persuaded that in thee also. Wherefore I put thee in remem- 6
brance, that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the
putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of 7
fear ; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not 8
thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me
his prisoner : but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel
according to the power of God, ' who hath saved us, and called 9
us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according
to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ
Jesus before the world began, but is now made manifest by the 10
appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death,
and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,
' whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an Apostle, and a 11
teacher of the Gentiles : for the which cause I also suffer these 12
things : nevertheless I am not ashamed : for I know whom I have
believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I
have committed unto him against that day. Hold fast the form 13
of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love
which is in Christ Jesus ; that good thing which was committed 14
unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us. This 15
thou knowest, that all they which are in Asia be turned away
from me ; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. The Lord 16
give mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus ; for he oft refreshed
me, and was not ashamed of my chain, ' but, when he was in 17
Rome, he sought me out very diligently, and found *me*. The 18

Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day: and in how many things he ministered unto me at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.

THOU therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ **2**
 Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many **2**
 witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be
 able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a
 good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth
 himself with the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who
 hath chosen him to be a soldier. And if a man also strive for **5**
 masteries, *yet* is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. The **6**
 husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits.
 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in **7**
 all things. Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, **8**
 was raised from the dead, according to my gospel; wherein I **9**
 suffer trouble; as an evil-doer, *even* unto bonds; but the word of
 God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's **10**
 sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ
 Jesus with eternal glory. *It is* a faithful saying; for if we be **11**
 dead with *him*, we shall also live with *him*: if we suffer, we **12**
 shall also reign with *him*: if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:
 'if we believe not, *yet* he abideth faithful: he cannot deny him- **13**
 self. Of these things put *them* in remembrance, charging *them* **14**
 before the Lord that they strive not about words, to no profit, *but*
 to the subverting of the hearers. Study to show thyself approved **15**
 unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly
 dividing the word of truth. But shun profane *and* vain bab- **16**
 blings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their **17**
 word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymeneus and Phi-
 letus, 'who concerning the truth have erred, saying, that the re- **18**
 surrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some.
 Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this **19**
 seal, 'The Lord knoweth them that are his;' and, 'Let every one
 that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.' But in a **20**
 great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but
 also of wood and of earth; and some to honor, and some to dis-
 honor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be **21**
 a vessel unto honor, sanctified, and meet for the master's use,
and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: **22**
 but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that
 call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and unlearned **23**
 questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. And the **24**
 servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*,
 apt to teach, patient; in meekness instructing those that oppose **25**
 themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to
 the acknowledging of the truth; and *that* they may recover **26**
 themselves out of the snare of the Devil, who are taken captive
 by him at his will.

THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. **3**
 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, **2**
 proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

'without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, 'traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God, 'having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, 'ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was. But thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long-suffering, charity, patience, 'persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of *them* all the Lord delivered me. Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived. But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*, 'and that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine. For the time will come, when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers; having itching ears; 'and they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an Evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand: I have fought a good fight, I have finished *my* course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

'Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me, 'for Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me: take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry. And Tychicus have I sent to Ephesus. The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest, bring *with thee*, and the books, *but* especially the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him according to his works. Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words. At my first

answer no man stood with me, but all *men* forsook me: (*I pray God* that it may not be laid to their charge!) notwithstanding, 17
the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me: that by me the
preaching might be fully known, and *that* all the Gentiles might
hear; and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion: and the 18
Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve
me unto his heavenly kingdom; to whom *be* glory for ever and
ever! Amen.

SALUTE Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. 19
Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Mile- 20
tum sick. 'Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus 21
greeteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the
brethren. 'The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with thy spirit. Grace *be* 22
with you. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS.

PAUL, a servant of God, and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, (ac- 1
cording to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the
truth which is after godliness, 'in hope of eternal life, which 2
God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began, 'but hath 3
in due times manifested his word, through preaching which is
committed unto me, according to the commandment of God our
Savior:) 'to Titus, *mine* own son after the common faith: Grace, 4
mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus
Christ our Savior.

FOR this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in 5
order the things that are wanting, and ordain Elders in every
city, as I had appointed thee; if any be blameless, the husband 6
of one wife, having faithful children, not accused of riot, or un-
ruly. For a Bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; 7
not self-willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not
given to filthy lucre; but a lover of hospitality, a lover of good 8
men, sober, just, holy, temperate, 'holding fast the faithful word 9
as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine
both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers. For there are 10
many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, especially they of
the circumcision, 'whose mouths must be stopped: who subvert 11
whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy
lucre's sake. One of themselves, *even* a prophet of their own, 12
said,

'The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.'

'This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that 13
they may be sound in the faith, not giving heed to Jewish fa- 14
bles, and commandments of men that turn from the truth. Unto 15
the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and

unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate. 16

BUT speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: 2
that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in 2
charity, in patience; the aged women likewise, that *they be* in 3
behavior as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to
much wine, teachers of good things; that they may teach the 4
young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their
children, 'to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient 5
to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
' Young men likewise exhort to be sober-minded. 'In all things 6,7
showing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *showing*
uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 'sound speech that cannot be 8
condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed,
having no evil thing to say of you. *Exhort* servants to be obe- 9
dient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all
things, not answering again, 'not purloining, but showing all 10
good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Sa-
vior in all things. For the grace of God that bringeth salvation 11
hath appeared to all men, 'teaching us, that denying ungodliness 12
and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly,
in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glo- 13
rious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ;
who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all in- 14
iquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of
good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with 15
all authority. Let no man despise thee.

PUT them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, 3
to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, 'to speak 2
evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, showing all meek-
ness unto all men. For we ourselves also were sometimes fool- 3
ish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, liv-
ing in malice and envy, hateful *and* hating one another. But 4
after that the kindness and love of God our Savior toward man
appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, 5
but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of re-
generation, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, 'which he shed on 6
us abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Savior, 'that being just- 7
fied by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope
of eternal life. *This is* a faithful saying; and these things I will 8
that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God
might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good
and profitable unto men. But avoid foolish questions, and gene- 9
alogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they
are unprofitable and vain. A man that is an heretic, after the 10
first and second admonition, reject; knowing that he that is such, 11
is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

WHEN I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be dili- 12
gent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there

to winter. Bring Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey 13
 diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. And let ours also 14
 learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not
 unfruitful. 'All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that 15
 love us in the faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON.

PAUL, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy *our* brother; 1
 unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellow-laborer, 'and to 2
our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the 3
 church in thy house: Grace to you, and peace, from God our 4
 Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God, making 5
 mention of thee always in my prayers; hearing of thy love and 6
 faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all 7
 saints; that the communication of thy faith may become effectual 8
 by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in 9
 Christ Jesus. For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, 10
 because the bowels of the saints are refreshed by thee. Brother. 11
 Wherefore, though I might be much bold in Christ to enjoin thee 12
 that which is convenient, yet for love's sake I rather beseech 13
thee, being such a one as Paul the aged, and now also a prisoner 14
 of Jesus Christ: I beseech thee for my son Onesimus, whom I 15
 have begotten in my bonds: which in time past was to thee un- 16
 profitable, but now profitable to thee and to me: whom I have 17
 sent again: thou therefore receive him, that is, mine own bow- 18
 els. Whom I would have retained with me, that in thy stead he 19
 might have ministered unto me in the bonds of the gospel: but 20
 without thy mind would I do nothing: that thy benefit should 21
 not be as it were of necessity, but willingly. For perhaps he 22
 therefore departed for a season, that thou shouldest receive him 23
 for ever; not now as a servant, but above a servant, a brother 24
 beloved, especially to me, but how much more unto thee, both 25
 in the flesh, and in the Lord? If thou count me therefore a part-
 ner, receive him as myself. If he hath wronged thee, or oweth
thee aught, put that on mine account. I Paul have written *it* with
 mine own hand, I will repay *it*; albeit I do not say to thee how
 thou owest unto me even thine own self besides. Yea, Brother, let
 me have joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my bowels in the Lord.
 Having confidence in thy obedience I wrote unto thee, knowing
 that thou wilt also do more than I say. But withal prepare me
 also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be
 given unto you. There salute thee Epaphras, my fellow-pris-
 oner in Christ Jesus, 'Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, Lucas, my
 fellow-laborers. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with
 your spirit. Amen.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE HEBREWS.

GOD, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in
time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days
spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all
things, by whom also he made the worlds, 'who—being the
brightness of *his* glory, and the express image of his person, and
upholding all things by the word of his power,—when he had
by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the
Majesty on high; being made so much better than the Angels,
as he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than
they. For unto which of the Angels said he at any time, 1 2 3 4

Thou art my Son.
This day have I begotten thee?

And again,

I will be to him a Father,
And he shall be to me a Son?

And again, when he bringeth in the first-begotten into the world, 6
he saith,

And let all the Angels of God worship him.

And of the Angels he saith, 7

Who maketh his Angels spirits,
And his ministers a flame of fire.

But unto the Son, *he saith*, 8

Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:
A sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom;
Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;
Therefore God, *even* thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

And, 10

Thou, LORD, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth;
And the heavens are the works of thy hands.
They shall perish; but thou remainest:
And they all shall wax old, as doth a garment,
And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up,
And they shall be changed:
But thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail.

But to which of the Angels said he at any time, 13

Sit on my right hand,
Until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for 14
them who shall be heirs of salvation?

THEREFORE we ought to give the more earnest heed to the 2
things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them*
slip. For if the word spoken by Angels was stedfast, and every 2
transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of
reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; 3
which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was con-
firmed unto us by them that heard *him*, God also bearing *them* 4
witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles,
and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

FOR unto the Angels hath he not put in subjection the world 5
to come, whereof we speak. But one in a certain place testified, 6
saying,

What is man, that thou art mindful of him ?
Or the Son of man that thou visitest him ?
Thou madest him a little lower than the Angels; 7
Thou crownedst him with glory and honor,
And didst set him over the works of thy hands ;
Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. 8

For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing
that is not put under him. But now we see not yet all things
put under him : but we see Jesus, who was made a little lower 9
than the Angels, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory
and honor ; that he by the grace of God should taste death for
every man.

FOR it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* 10
all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain
of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both he that 11
sanctifieth, and they who are sanctified, *are* all of one : for which
cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, ' saying, 12

I will declare thy name unto my brethren.
In the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

And again, 13

I will put my trust in him. -

And again,

Behold, I, and the children which God hath given me.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, 14
he also himself likewise took part of the same ; that through
death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is,
the Devil, 'and deliver them, who, through fear of death, were 15
all their life-time subject to bondage. For verily he took not on 16
him the nature of Angels ; but he took on *him* the seed of Abra-
ham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like 17
unto *his* brethren ; that he might be a merciful and faithful High-
Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the
sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered, being 18
tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

WHEREFORE, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly call- 3
ing, consider the Apostle and High-Priest of our profession, Christ
Jesus ; who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses 2
was faithful in all his house. For this *man* was counted worthy 3
of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the
house, hath more honor than the house. For every house is 4
builded by some *man* ; but he that built all things *is* God. And 5
Moses verily *was faithful* in all his house, as a servant, for a testi-
mony of those things which were to be spoken after : but Christ 6
as a Son over his own house : whose house are we, if we hold
fast the confidence, and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the
end.

WHEREFORE, as the Holy Ghost saith, 7

To-day if ye will hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation,
In the day of temptation in the wilderness,
When your fathers tempted me,
Proved me, and saw my works forty years. 8

Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, 10
 They do always err in *their* heart,
 And they have not known my ways; 11
 So I swear in my wrath,
 They shall not enter into my rest.

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart 12
 of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one 13
 another daily, while it is called To-day; lest any of you be hard-
 ened through the deceitfulness of sin, (for we are made partakers 14
 of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto
 the end;) while it is said, 15

To-day if ye will hear his voice,
 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit, not all 16
 that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he 17
 grieved forty years? *was it* not with them that had sinned, whose
 carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore he that 18
 they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?
 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. 19

LET us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering 4
 into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For 2
 unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the
 word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in
 them that heard *it*. For we which have believed do enter into 3
 rest, as he said,

As I have sworn in my wrath,
 If they shall enter into my rest,

although the works were finished from the foundation of the 4
 world. For he spake in a certain place of the seventh *day* on
 this wise, "And God did rest the seventh day from
 all his works:" and in this *place* again, 5

If they shall enter into my rest.

Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and 6
 they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of
 unbelief:—again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, 7
 To-day, after so long a time; (as it is said,)

TO-DAY, if ye will hear his voice,
 Harden not your hearts.

For if Jesus* had given them rest, then would he not afterward 8
 have spoken of another day. There remaineth therefore a rest 9
 to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also 10
 hath ceased from his own works, as God *did* from his:—let us 11
 labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the
 same example of unbelief.

For the word of God *is* quick and powerful, and sharper than 12
 any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of
 sou^l and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discernor
 of the thoughts and intents of the heart: neither is there any 13
 creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked
 and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

SEEING then that we have a great High-Priest, that is passed 14

* Joshua.

into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. For we have not a high-priest which cannot be touched 15
with the feeling of our infirmities: but was in all points tempted
like as *we are*; yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly 16
unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find
grace to help in time of need. For every high-priest taken from 5
among men, is ordained for men in things *pertaining* to God, that
he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins; who can have 2
compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way;
for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity: and by rea- 3
son hereof he ought, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer
for sins. And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but he that 4
is called of God, as *was* Aaron. So also Christ glorified not him- 5
self to be made an high-priest; but he that said unto him,

Thou art my Son.
To-day have I begotten thee.

As he saith also in another *place*, 6

Thou *art* a priest for ever.
After the order of Melchisedec.

Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers 7
and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was
able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;
though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things 8
which he suffered; and being made perfect, he became the 9
author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; called 10
of God an high-priest after the order of Melchisedec. . . .

Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, 11
seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought 12
to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be*
the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such
as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one 13
that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he
is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full 14
age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised
to discern both good and evil. Therefore leaving the principles 6
of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying
again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith
toward God, 'of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of 2
hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.
'And this will we do, if God permit. 'For *it is* impossible for 3,4
those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the hea-
venly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 'and 5
have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the
world to come, 'if they shall fall away, to renew them again 6
unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of
God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame. For the earth, which 7
drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth
herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing
from God: but that which beareth thorns and briers *is* rejected, 8
and *is* nigh unto cursing; whose end *is* to be burned. But, 9
beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that

accompany salvation, though we thus speak. For God is not 10
unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye
have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the
saints, and do minister.

And we desire that every one of you do show the same dili- 11
gence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: that ye be not 12
slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience
inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, 13
because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself,
'saying, "Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multi- 14
plying I will multiply thee." And so, after he had 15
patiently endured, he obtained the promise. (For men verily 16
swear by the greater: and an oath for confirmation is to them
an end of all strife.) Wherein God, willing more abundantly to 17
show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel,
confirmed *it* by an oath, 'that by two immutable things, in which 18
it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consol-
ation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set 19
before us; which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both
sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the vail,
'whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an 20
high-priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec. . . .

For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high 7
God,—who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the
kings, and blessed him, 'to whom also Abraham gave a tenth 2
part of all; first being by interpretation King of righteousness,
and after that also King of Salem; (which is King of peace;) 3
without father, without mother, without descent, having neither
beginning of days, nor end of life: but made like unto the Son 4
of God;—abideith a priest continually. Now consider how great
this man *was*, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the 5
tenth of the spoils. And verily they that are of the sons of Levi,
who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment 6
to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their
brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham: but 7
he whose descent is not counted from them received tithes of
Abraham, and blessed him that had the promises. (And without 8
all contradiction the less is blessed of the better. And here men
that die receive tithes; but there he *receiveth them* of whom it
is witnessed that he liveth.) And as I may so say, Levi also, 9
who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham. For he was yet 10
in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him. If there- 11
fore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the
people received the law,) what further need *was there* that an-
other priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not
be called after the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being 12
changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.
For he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another 13
tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. For *it is* 14
evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe Moses
spake nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evi- 15

dent: for that after the similitude of Melchisedec there ariseth another priest, ' who is made, not after the law of a carnal com- 16
mandment, but after the power of an endless life. For he testi- 17
fieth,

Thou *art* a priest for ever
After the order of Melchisedec.

For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going 18
before, for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof, ' (for the 19
law made nothing perfect,) but the bringing in of a better hope,
did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. And inasmuch as 20
not without an OATH *he was made priest*; -(for those priests were 21
made without an oath; but this with an oath, by him that said
unto him,

The LORD sware, and will not repent,
Thou *art* a priest for ever
After the order of Melchisedec :)

-by so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament. 22
And they truly were many priests, because they were not suf- 23
fered to continue by reason of death: but this *man*, because he 24
continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood: wherefore 25
he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God
by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

For such a high-priest became us, *who is* holy, harmless, unde- 26
filed, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
who needeth not daily, as those high-priests, to offer up sacrifice, 27
first for his own sins, and then for the people's: for this he did
once, when he offered up himself. For the law maketh men 28
high-priests which have infirmity; but the word of the oath,
which was since the law, *maketh* the Son, who is consecrated for
evermore.

Now of the things which we have spoken *this is* the sum: We 3
have such a high-priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne
of the Majesty in the heavens; a minister of the sanctuary, and 2
of the true tabernacle, which the LORD pitched, and not man.
For every high-priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: 3
wherefore *it is* of necessity that this man have somewhat also to
offer. For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing 4
that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: (who 5
serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Mo-
ses was admonished of God when he was about to make the
tabernacle: for, "See," saith he, "*that* thou make all
things according to the pattern showed to thee in
the mount.") But now hath he obtained a more excellent 6
ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better cove-
nant, which was established upon better promises.

FOR if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should 7
no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with 8
them, he saith,

Behold, the days come, saith the LORD,
When I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel,
And with the house of Judah:
Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers,
In the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt;
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Because they continued not in my covenant,
 And I regarded them not, saith the LORD.
 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, 10
 After those days, saith the LORD ;
 I will put my laws into their mind,
 And write them in their hearts :
 And I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people :
 And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, 11
 And every man his brother, saying,
 Know the LORD :
 For all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.
 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, 12
 And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

In that he saith, A new *covenant*, he hath made the first old : 13
 now that which decayeth and waxeth old, is ready to vanish
 away.

THEN verily the first *covenant* had also ordinances of divine 9
 service, and a worldly sanctuary. For there was a tabernacle 2
 made; the first wherein *was* the candlestick, and the table, and
 the show-bread; which is called the Sanctuary. And after the 3
 second vail, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all, 4
 ' which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant over-
 laid round about with gold, (wherein *was* the golden pot that had
 manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the cove- 5
 nant;) and over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy- 6
 seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. Now when
 these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the 7
 first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of *God*: but into the
 second *went* the high-priest alone once every year, not without 8
 blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the peo-
 ple: the Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the Holiest 9
 of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle
 was yet standing: which *was* a figure for the time then present, 9
 in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not
 make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the con-
 science; which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers wash- 10
 ings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of
 reformation. But Christ being come a high-priest of good things 11
 to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with
 hands, (that is to say, not of this building;) neither by the blood 12
 of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he entered in once
 into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.
 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer, 13
 sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh;
 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the Eter- 14
 nal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your con-
 science from dead works to serve the living God!

AND for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, 15
 that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions
 that were under the first testament, they which are called might
 receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testa- 16
 ment is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator:
 ' for a testament is of force after men are dead; otherwise it is 17
 of no strength at all while the testator liveth. Whereupon nei- 18
 ther the first testament was dedicated without blood. For when 19

Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book and all the people, 'saying, "This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you." Moreover, he sprinkled likewise with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high-priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; for then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared, to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: so Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually, make the comers thereunto perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore, when He cometh into the world, He saith,

Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not,
But a body hast thou prepared me:
In burnt-offerings and *sacrifices* for sin
Thou hast had no pleasure.
Then said I, Lo, I come
(In the volume of the book it is written of me)
To do thy will, O God.

Above, when he said,

Sacrifice and offering and burnt-offerings
And offering for sin thou wouldest not,
Neither hadst pleasure therein;

Which are offered by the law: then said he,

Lo, I come, to do thy will, O God.

He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 'By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: but this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins, for ever sat down on the right hand of God, 'from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that

are sanctified. *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: 15
for after that he had said before,

This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days; 16

saith the LORD;

I will put my laws into their hearts,
And in their minds will I write them,
And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 17

Now, where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for 18
sin.

HAVING therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holi- 19
est by the blood of Jesus, 'by a new and living way, which he 20
hath consecrated for us, through the vail, (that is to say, his flesh;) 21
'and *having* a high-priest over the house of God; 'let us draw 21
near with a true heart, in full assurance of faith, having our
hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed
with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith 23
without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) 'and let us 24
consider one another, to provoke unto love, and to good works:
not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner 25
of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*; and so much the more,
as ye see the day approaching.

FOR if we sin wilfully after that we have received the know- 26
ledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 'but 27
a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation,
which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' 28
law, died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how 29
much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy,
who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted
the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an un-
holy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For 30
we know him that hath said,

Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord.

And again,

The Lord shall judge his people. 31

It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

BUT call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye 32
were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions; partly, 33
while ye were made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and af-
flictions; and partly, while ye became companions of them that
were so used. For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and 34
took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves
that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance. Cast 35
not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recom-
pense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye 36
have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

For yet a little while, and he that shall come
Will come, and will not tarry.

Now the just shall live by faith: 37

But if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 38

But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of 39
them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence **11**
of things not seen: for by it the elders obtained a good report. **2**
Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by **3**
the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made
of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a **4**
more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness
that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he
being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated, that **5**
he should not see death; and was not found, because God had
translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony,
that he pleased God. But without faith *it is impossible to please* **6**
him: for he that cometh to God, must believe that he is, and *that*
he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. By faith Noah, **7**
being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear,
prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he con-
demned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which
is by faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out **8**
into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance,
obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By **9**
faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as *in a strange coun-*
try, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with
him of the same promise: for he looked for a city which hath **10**
foundations, whose builder and maker is God. Through faith **11**
also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was
delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged
him faithful who had promised. Therefore sprang there even of **12**
one, and him as good as dead, *so many as the stars of the sky in*
multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea-shore innumera-
ble. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, **13**
but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and
embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pil-
grims on the earth. For they that say such things declare plainly **14**
that they seek a country. And truly, if they had been mindful **15**
of that *country* from whence they came out, they might have had
opportunity to have returned. But now they desire a better **16**
country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to
be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. By **17**
faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he
that had received the promises offered up his only-begotten *son*,
'of whom it was said, "That in Isaac shall thy seed be **18**
called;" accounting that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even **19**
from the dead; from whence also he received him in a figure.
By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to **20**
come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the **21**
sons of Joseph; and worshipped, *leaning* upon the top of his
staff. By faith Joseph, when he died, made mention of the de- **22**
parting of the children of Israel; and gave commandment con-
cerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid **23**
three months of his parents, because they saw *he was* a proper
child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By **24**
faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the

son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction 25
with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a
season; esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the 26
treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompense of
the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of 27
the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. Through 28
faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he
that destroyed the first-born should touch them. By faith they 29
passed through the Red sea as by dry *land*: which the Egyptians
assaying to do, were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell 30
down, after they were compassed about seven days. By faith 31
the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when
she had received the spies with peace. And what shall I more 32
say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak,
and of Samson, and of Jephthae, of David also, and Samuel, and
of the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought 33
righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,
'quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, 34
out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned
to flight the armies of the aliens: women received their dead 35
raised to life again: and others were tortured, not accepting de-
liverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and 36
others had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover,
of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn 37
asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wan-
dered about in sheep-skins, and goat-skins; being destitute, af-
flicted, tormented; '(of whom the world was not worthy:) they 38
wandered in deserts, and *in* mountains, and *in* dens and caves of
the earth. And these all, having obtained a good report through 39
faith, received not the promise: God having provided some bet-
ter thing for us, that they without us should not be made per- 40
fect. Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so 41
great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the
sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience
the race that is set before us, 'looking unto Jesus, the author and 2
finisher of *our* faith; who, for the joy that was set before him,
endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the
right hand of the throne of God. For consider him that endured 3
such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied
and faint in your minds.

YE have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. 4
And ye have forgotten the exhortation which *speaketh* unto you 5
as unto children,

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the LORD,
Nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

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If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons: for 7
what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be 8
without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye
bastards, and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of 9
our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence:

shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened *us* 10 after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present 11 seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

WHEREFORE lift up the hands which hang down, and the 12 feeble knees; and make straight paths for your feet, lest that 13 which is lame be turned out of the way: but let it rather be healed. Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which 14 no man shall see the Lord: looking diligently, lest any man fail 15 of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up, trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled: lest there *be* any for- 16 nicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he 17 would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and 18 that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, 'and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; 19 which *voice* they that heard, entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (for they could not endure that 20 which was commanded, "And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:" and—so terrible was the sight!—that 21 Moses said, "I exceedingly fear and quake:") 'but ye 22 are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born, 23 which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Media- 24 tor of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel. See that ye refuse not 25 him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven: whose voice then 26 shook the earth; but now he hath promised, saying

Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.

And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of 27 those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. Wherefore 28 we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably, with reverence and godly fear; for our God *is* a consuming fire. 29

LET brotherly love continue. 'Be not forgetful to entertain 13 strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; and 3 them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body. Marriage *is* honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but 4 whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. *Let your conver-* 5

sation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said,

I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee:

so that we may boldly say,

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The LORD is my helper,
And I will not fear what man shall do unto me.

Remember them which have the rule over you, who have 7
spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, consider- 8
ing the end of *their* conversation: Jesus Christ the same yester- 9
day, and to-day, and for ever. Be not carried about with divers
and strange doctrines: for *it* is a good thing that the heart be
established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited
them that have been occupied therein. We have an altar, 10
whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. —
For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the 11
sanctuary by the high-priest for sin, are burned without the
camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people 12
with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth 13
therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For 14
here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. — By 15
him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continu-
ally, that is, the fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to his name. But 16
to do good, and to communicate, forget not: for with such sacri-
fices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over 17
you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as
they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and
not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you. Pray for us: for 18
we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live
honestly. But I beseech *you* the rather to do this, that I may be 19
restored to you the sooner.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead 20
our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the
blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every 21
good work, to do his will, working in you that which is well-
pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for
ever and ever! Amen.

AND I beseech you, brethren, suffer the word of exhortation: 22
for I have written a letter unto you in few words. Know ye, 23
that *our* brother Timothy is set at liberty: with whom, if he
come shortly, I will see you. Salute all them that have the rule 24
over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you. 'Grace 25
be with you all. Amen.

THE CATHOLIC EPISTLES.

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES.

JAMES, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. 1

MY brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, 'knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience: but let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering; for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double-minded man *is* unstable in all his ways. Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted: but the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed: then, when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first-fruits of his creatures. 2

WHEREFORE, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath. For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness, and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save your souls. 21

BUT be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein*, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be 25

blessed in his deed. If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridled not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

MY brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come unto your assembly, a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment, and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool, 'are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts? Harken, my beloved brethren, hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him? 'but ye have despised the poor. Do not rich men oppress you, and draw you before the judgment-seats? Do not they blaspheme that worthy name by the which ye are called? If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," ye do well; but if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, "Do not commit adultery," said also, "Do not kill." Now, if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty. For he shall have judgment without mercy that hath showed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

WHAT *doth it* profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 'and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what *doth it* profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? And the scripture was fulfilled, which saith, "Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness," and he was called the Friend of God. Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also,

My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall
 receive the greater condemnation: for in many things we offend
 all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man,
and able also to bridle the whole body. Behold, we put bits in
 the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about
 their whole body. Behold also the ships, which, though *they be*
 so great, and *are* driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned
 about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor list-
 eth. Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great
 things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth! 'And
 the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity! So is the tongue among
 our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire
 the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. For every
 kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the
 sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed, of mankind: but the tongue
 can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse
 we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the
 same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these
 things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same
 place sweet *water* and bitter? Can the fig-tree, my brethren,
 bear olive-berries? either a vine figs? so *can* no fountain both
 yield salt water and fresh. Who *is* a wise man and endued with
 knowledge among you? let him show out of a good conversation
 his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter
 envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against
 the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is*
 earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife *is*, there
is confusion, and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from
 above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be en-
 treated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and
 without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in
 peace of them that make peace.

From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they*
 not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust,
 and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye
 fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not: ye ask, and
 receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon
 your lusts. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the
 friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever there-
 fore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye
 think that the scripture saith in vain, 'The spirit that dwell-
 eth in us lusteth to envy?' But he giveth more grace,
 wherefore he saith,

God resisteth the proud,
 But giveth grace unto the humble.

Submit yourselves therefore to God: resist the Devil, and he
 will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh
 to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners, and purify *your* hearts,
ye double-minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your
 laughter be turned to mourning, and *your* joy to heaviness. Hum-

ble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. 11
 ' Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil 11
 of *his* brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law,
 and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a
 doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is 12
 able to save, and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another? 12

Go to now, ye that say, ' To-day or to-morrow we will go into 13
 such a city, and continue there a year, and buy, and sell, and get
 gain: ' whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow; for 14
 what *is* your life? it is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little
 time, and then vanisheth away: for that ye *ought* to say, If the 15
 Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that. But now ye re- 16
 joice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore to 17
 him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin. 17

Go to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that 5
 shall come upon *you*. Your riches are corrupted, and your gar- 2
 ments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and 3
 the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat
 your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for 4
 the last days. Behold, the hire of the laborers who have reaped 4
 down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth;
 and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the
 ears of the LORD OF SABAOTH. Ye have lived in pleasure 5
 on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts,
 as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned *and* killed the 6
 just; *and* he doth not resist you. 6

BE patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the LORD. 7
 Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the
 earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early
 and latter rain: ' be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for 8
 the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against 9
 another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the Judge
 standeth before the door. Take, my brethren, the prophets, who 10
 have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffer-
 ing affliction, and of patience. Behold, we count them happy 11
 which endure: ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have
 seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of
 tender mercy. 11

BUT above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by hea- 12
 ven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let
 your yea be yea; and *your* nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemna-
 tion. 12

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let 13
 him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the 14
 elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him
 with oil in the name of the LORD. And the prayer of faith shall 15
 save the sick, and the LORD shall raise him up; and if he have
 committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. 15

CONFESS *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, 16
 that ye may be healed: the effectual fervent prayer of a right-
 eous man availeth much. Elias was a man subject to like pas- 17

sions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months: and he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. 18

BRETHREN, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him, ' let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. 19 20

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PETER.

PETER, an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience, and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. 1 2

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ' to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, ' who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time, ' wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, (if need be) ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations; that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise, and honor, and glory, at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see *him* not, yet believing, ye rejoice, with joy unspeakable, and full of glory, ' receiving the end of your faith, *even* the salvation of *your* souls. Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you, with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

WHEREFORE gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance; but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; ' because it is written, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." And if ye call on the Father, who without respect 13 14 15 16 17

of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time
of your sojourning *here* in fear: forasmuch as ye know that ye
were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold,
from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fa-
thers, ' but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb with-
out blemish and without spot: who verily was foreordained be-
fore the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last
times for you, ' who by him do believe in God, that raised him
up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope
might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying
the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren,
see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: being
born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the
word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (For,

All flesh is as grass,
And all the glory of man as the flower of grass
The grass withereth,
And the flower thereof falleth away,
But the word of the LORD endureth for ever

And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.
Wherefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocri-
sies, and envies, and all evil-speakings, ' as new-born babes, de-
sire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: if
so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious. To whom coming
as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of
God, *and* precious, ' ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiri-
tual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, ac-
ceptable to God by Jesus Christ. Wherefore also it is contained
in the scripture,

Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner-stone, elect, precious:
And he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.

Unto you therefore which believe, *he is* precious: but unto them
which be disobedient,

The stone which the builders disallowed,
The same is made the head of the corner,

' and a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, *even to them*
which stumble at the word, being disobedient; whereunto also
they were appointed. But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal
priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show
forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into
his marvellous light: which in time past *were* not a people, but
are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but
now have obtained mercy.

DEARLY beloved, I beseech *you*, as strangers and pilgrims, ab-
stain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; having your
conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they
speak against you as evil-doers, they may by *your* good works,
which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's
sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; ' or unto governors,
as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evil-
doers, and for the praise of them that do well: (for so is the will

of God, that with well-doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men :) as free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloak of 16
maliciousness, but as the servants of God. 'Honor all *men*. Love 17
the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

SERVANTS, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear; not only to 18
the good and gentle, but also to the froward. For this is thank- 19
worthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering
wrongfully. For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for 20
your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well,
and suffer *for it*, ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with God.
For even hereunto were ye called; because Christ also suffered 21
for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps.
'Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth; 'who, 22
when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he
threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth right-
eously; who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the 24
tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:
by whose stripes ye were healed. For ye were as sheep going 25
astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of
your souls.

LIKewise, ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; 3
that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word
be won by the conversation of the wives, while they behold your 2
chaste conversation *coupled* with fear. Whose adorning let it not 3
be that outward *adorning* of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of
gold, or of putting on of apparel; but *let it be* the hidden man of 4
the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a
meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.
For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who 5
trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their
own husbands, 'even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him 6
lord; whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not
afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with 7
them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto
the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of
life; that your prayers be not hindered.

FINALLY, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of an- 8
other; love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous; not rendering 9
evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise, blessing;
knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a
blessing.

For he that will love life, and see good days,	10
Let him refrain his tongue from evil,	
And his lips that they speak no guile:	
Let him eschew evil, and do good;	11
Let him seek peace and ensue it.	
For the eyes of the LORD are over the righteous,	12
And his ears are open unto their prayers:	
But the face of the LORD is against them that do evil.	

And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that 13
which is good? But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy 14
are ye; and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;
but sanctify the LORD God in your hearts; 15

AND *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear: having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil-doers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. For *it is* better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well-doing, than for evil-doing. For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: by which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison, which sometime were disobedient, when once the long-suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few (that is, eight) souls, were saved by water: the like figure whereunto, *even* baptism, doth also now save us; (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ; who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels, and authorities, and powers being made subject unto him.

FORASMUCH then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind; (for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;) that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of *our* life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries; wherein they think it strange that ye run not with *them* to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of *you*: who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead. For, for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

BUT the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer. And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves; for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 'Use hospitality one to another without grudging. 'As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

IF any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God; if any man minister, *let him do it*, as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ; to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever! Amen.

BELOVED, think it not strange, concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy *are ye*; for the Spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as a thief*, or *as an evil-doer*, or *as a busy-body* in other men's matters. Yet *if any man suffer* as a CHRISTIAN, let him not be ashamed; but

let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore, let them that suffer according to the will of God, commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

THE elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight *thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind: neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock: and when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away. Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility:

For God resisteth the proud,
And giveth grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time. Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

BE sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever! Amen.

BY Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand. The church that is at Babylon, elected together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Marcus my son. Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PETER.

SIMON PETER, a servant and an Apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

ACCORDING as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that

by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make *you that ye shall* neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

WHEREFORE I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know *them*, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting *you* in remembrance; knowing that shortly I must put off *this* my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath showed me. Moreover, I will endeavor that ye may be able, after my decease, to have these things always in remembrance. For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eye-witnesses of his Majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory,

‘This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’

And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

BUT there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction: and many shall follow their pernicious ways; (by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of,) and through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast *them* down to hell, and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth *person*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* with

an overthrow, making *them* an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; and delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;) the LORD knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, self-willed; they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities: whereas, angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the LORD. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption: and shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, *as they that* count it pleasure to riot in the day-time: spots *they are* and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam *the son of Bosor*, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; ¹ but was rebuked for his iniquity: (the dumb ass, speaking with man's voice, forbade the madness of the prophet.) These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. For when they speak great swelling *words* of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, *through much wantonness*, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them, according to the true proverb,

The dog is turned to his own vomit again;

and,

The sow that was washed, to her wallowing in the mire.

THIS second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: that ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the Apostles of the Lord and Savior: knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, ¹ and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue *as they were* from the beginning of

the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. *Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

WHEREFORE, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless, and account *that* the long-suffering of our Lord *is* salvation: even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given unto him, hath written unto you; as also in all *his* epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as *they do* also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know *these things* before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness: but grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever! Amen.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THAT which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the WORD OF LIFE: (for the LIFE was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and show unto you that ETERNAL LIFE which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us.) that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

THIS then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not: and if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of* the whole world.

AND hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. He that saith he abideth in him, ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

BRETHREN, I write no new commandment unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word which ye have heard from the beginning. Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth; because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked One. I write unto you, little children, because ye have known the Father. I have written unto you, fathers, because ye have known him *that is* from the beginning. I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked One. Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

LITTLE children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they

would *no doubt* have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [*but he that acknowledgeth the Son, hath the Father also.*] Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even eternal life*. These *things* have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. And now, little children, abide in him; that when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.

BEHOLD what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God! Therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

AND every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law; for sin is the transgression of the law. And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the Devil; for the Devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the Devil. Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the Devil.

WHOSOEVER doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked One, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother, abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother, is a murderer:

and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

AND hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God, and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment; That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.

BELOVED, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh, is not of God. And this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God, heareth us; he that is not of God, heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.

AND we have seen and do testify, that the Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love: and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth

out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth, is not made perfect in love. We love him because he first loved us. 19

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar. 20 For he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen? and this commandment 21 have we from him, That he who loveth God, love his brother also.

WHOSOEVER believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God: 5 and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him. By this we know that we love the children of 2 God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this 3 is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of 4 God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith. Who is he that overcometh 5 the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

THIS is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; 6 not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are 7 three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that 8 bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, 9 the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the 10 Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar, because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath 11 given to us eternal life: and this life is in his Son. He that hath 12 the Son, hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God, hath not life.

THESE things have I written unto you that believe on the 13 name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask any thing according to his will he heareth us: and if we know 15 that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

If any man see his brother sin a sin *which is* not unto death, 16 he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it. All unrighteousness is sin; and there is a sin not unto 17 death.

WE know that whosoever is born of God, sinneth not; but he 18 that is begotten of God, keepeth himself, and that wicked One toucheth him not. *And* we know that we are of God, and the 19 whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son 20 of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true; and we are in him that is true, *even* 'n his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE elder unto the elect LADY, and her children, whom I love in the truth, and not I only, but also all they that have known the truth, ' for the truth's sake which dwelleth in us, and shall be with us for ever: Grace be with you, mercy and peace from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love. 1 2 3

I REJOICED greatly, that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into *your* house, neither bid him God speed: for he that biddeth him God speed, is partaker of his evil deeds. 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

HAVING many things to write unto you, I would not *write* with paper and ink: but I trust to come unto you, and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. The children of thy elect sister greet thee. Amen. 12 13

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

THE elder unto the well-beloved Gaius, whom I love in the truth. Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth. Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers, which have borne witness of thy charity before the church: whom if thou bring forward on their journey after a godly sort, thou shalt do well, ' because that for his name's sake they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellow-helpers to the truth. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

I WROTE unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth *them* out of the church. Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God. Demetrius hath good report of all *men*, and of the truth itself: yea, and we *also* bear record; and ye know that our record is true.

I HAD many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee: but I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. *Our* friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name.

THE EPISTLE OF JUDE.

JUDE, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, *and* called. Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied.

BELOVED, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not: and the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day: even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these *filthy* dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the Devil, (he disputed about the body of Moses,) durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke thee.' But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. These are spots in your Feasts-of-Charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds *they are*

without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit with-
 ereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots: raging 13
 waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame; wandering
 stars, to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever.
 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, 14
 saying,

Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousand of his saints,
 To execute judgment upon all, 15
 And to convince all that are ungodly among them,
 Of all their ungodly deeds,
 Which they have ungodly committed,
 And of all their hard *speeches*
 Which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; 16
 and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's
 persons in admiration because of advantage. But, beloved, re- 17
 member ye the words which were spoken before of the Apostles
 of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they told you there should be 18
 mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own un-
 godly lusts.

THESE be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not 19
 the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most 20
 holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 'keep yourselves in the 21
 love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto
 eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a differ- 22
 ence: and others save with fear, pulling *them* out of the fire; 23
 hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to 24
 present *you* faultless before the presence of his glory with ex-
 ceeding joy, 'to the only wise God our Savior, *be* glory and ma- 25
 jesty, dominion and power, both now and ever! Amen.

THE REVELATION OF JOHN.

THE revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his 1
 servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it
 by his Angel unto his servant JOHN, who bare record of the Word of God, 2
 and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw. Blessed 3
 is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep
 those things which are written therein: for the time *is* at hand.

JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace *be* 4
 unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and
 which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before
 his throne; and from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful Witness, 5
 and the First-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings
 of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our
 sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto 6
 God and his Father; to him *be* glory and dominion for ever and
 ever. Amen.

Behold, he cometh with clouds, and every eye shall see him, 7
and they *also* which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth 8
shall wail because of him: even so. Amen. I am Alpha and
Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the LORD, which is,
and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribula- 9
tion, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the
isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testi-
mony of Jesus Christ. I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and 10
heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, 'saying, I am 11
Alpha and Omega, the first and the last; and, What thou seest,
write in a book, and send *it* unto the seven churches which are
in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos,
and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and
unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice that spake with 12
me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks, 'and in 13
the midst of the seven candlesticks *one* like unto the Son of man,
clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps
with a golden girdle; his head and *his* hairs were white like 14
wool, as white as snow; and his eyes *were* as a flame of fire;
and his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; 15
and his voice as the sound of many waters: and he had in his 16
right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-
edged sword: and his countenance *was* as the sun shineth in his
strength. 'And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And 17
he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am
the first and the last; '*I am* he that liveth and was dead; and 18
behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of
hell and of death. Write the things which thou hast seen, and 19
the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;
the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right 20
hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are
the Angels of the seven churches; and the seven candlesticks
which thou sawest are the seven churches.

Unto the Angel of the church of Ephesus write: 'These 2
things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, 2
who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I
know thy works, and thy labor, and thy patience, and how thou
canst not bear them which are evil; and thou hast tried them
which say they are Apostles, and are not; and hast found them
liars: and hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake 3
hast labored, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless, I have *some-* 4
what against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remem- 5
ber therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the
first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will re-
move thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. But 6
this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes,
which I also hate. He that hath an ear let him hear what the 7
Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I
give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the para-
dise of God.'

AND unto the Angel of the church in Smyrna write; 'These 8
things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9
I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art 9
rich) and *I know* the blasphemy of them which say they are
Jews, and are not, but *are* the synagogue of Satan. Fear none 10
of those things which thou shalt suffer. Behold, the Devil shall
cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall
have tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I
will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear 11
what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh,
shall not be hurt of the second death.'

AND to the Angel of the church in Pergamos write; 'These 12
things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; I 13
know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's
seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my
faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr,
who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. But I have 14
a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that
hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stum-
bling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed
unto idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also them 15
that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.
Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight 16
against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, 17
let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him
that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will
give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written,
which no man knoweth, saving he that receiveth *it*.'

AND unto the Angel of the church in Thyatira write; 'These 18
things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame 19
of fire, and his feet *are* like *fine* brass; I know thy works, and 19
charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works;
and the last *to be* more than the first. Notwithstanding, I have 20
a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman
Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to
seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sac-
rificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her forni- 21
cation, and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, 22
and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation,
except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children 23
with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which
searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of
you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the 24
rest in Thyatira, As many as have not this doctrine, and which
have not known the depths of Satan, (as they speak;) I will put
upon you none other burden: but that which ye have *already*, 25
hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my 26
works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a 27
potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my

Father. 'And I will give him the morning-star. 'He that hath 28
an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.'

AND unto the Angel of the church in Sardis write; 'These 3
things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven
stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, 2
and art dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which
remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works 3
perfect before God. Remember therefore how thou hast received
and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not
watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know 4
what hour I will come upon thee. Thou hast a few names even 5
in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall
walk with me in white: for they are worthy. He that overcom- 6
eth, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not
blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his
name before my Father, and before his Angels. He that hath an 6
ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.'

AND to the Angel of the church in Philadelphia write; 'These 7
things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key
of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth: and shutteth,
and no man openeth: 'I know thy works: behold, I have set 8
before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast
a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my
name. Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, 9
which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will
make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know
that I have loved thee. Because thou hast kept the word of my 10
patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which
shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the
earth. Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, 11
that no man take thy crown. Him that overcometh, will I make 12
a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more
out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the
name of the city of my God, *which is new Jerusalem*, which
cometh down out of heaven from my God: and *I will write upon*
him my new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the 13
Spirit saith unto the churches.'

AND unto the Angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; 14
'These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the
beginning of the creation of God; I know thy works, that thou 15
art neither cold nor hot. I would thou wert cold or hot. 'So 16
then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will
spue thee out of my mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and 17
increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest
not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind,
and naked; I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, 18
that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest
be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear;
and anoint thine eyes with eye-salve that thou mayest see. As 19
many as I love I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and
repent. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: If any man hear 20

my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup
with him, and he with me. 'To him that overcometh will I grant 21
to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame; and am
set down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let 22
him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.'

AFTER this I looked, and behold, a door *was* opened in hea- 4
ven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet
talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will show
thee things which must be hereafter. And immediately I was 2
in the Spirit: and behold a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat
on the throne. And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper 3
and a sardine stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the
throne, in sight like unto an emerald. And round about the 4
throne *were* four and twenty seats; and upon the seats I saw
four and twenty elders sitting clothed in white raiment; and
they had on their heads crowns of gold. And out of the throne 5
proceeded lightnings and thunderings, and voices. And *there*
were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are
the seven Spirits of God. And before the throne, *there was* a sea 6
of glass like unto crystal, and in the midst of the throne, and
round about the throne *were* four beasts full of eyes before and
behind. And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast 7
like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth
beast *was* like a flying eagle. And the four beasts had each of 8
them six wings about *him*; and *they were* full of eyes within:
and they rest not day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy, LORD God Almighty,
Which was, and is, and is to come.

And when those beasts give glory, and honor, and thanks to him 9
that sat on the throne, who liveth for ever and ever. 'the four 10
and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne,
and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their
crowns before the throne, saying,

Thou art worthy, O LORD, to receive glory, and honor, and power;
For thou hast created all things,
And for thy pleasure they are and were created.

AND I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a 5
book written within and on the back side, sealed with seven
seals. And I saw a strong Angel proclaiming with a loud voice, 2
Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?
And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, 3
was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept 4
much, because no man was found worthy to open, and to read
the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith 5
unto me, 'Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the
Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the 6
seven seals thereof.' And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the
throne, and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders,
stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven
eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the
earth. And he came and took the book out of the right hand of 7

him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, 8
the four beasts, and four *and* twenty elders fell down before
the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full
of odors, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new 9
song, saying,

Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof :
For thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood,
Out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation,
And hast made us unto our God kings and priests :
And we shall reign on the earth.

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And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about 11
the throne, and the beasts, and the elders : and the number of
them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of
thousands ; saying with a loud voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain,
To receive power, and riches, and wisdom,
And strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

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And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and 13
under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in
them, heard I saying,

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power,
Be unto him that sitteth upon the throne,
And unto the Lamb, for ever and ever !

And the four beasts said, Amen ! And the four *and* twenty 14
elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and
ever.

AND I saw when the Lamb opened one of the Seals, and I 6
heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts,
saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold, a white horse : 2
and he that sat on him had a bow ; and a crown was given unto
him : and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.

AND when he had opened the second Seal, I heard the second 3
beast say, Come and see. And there went out another horse *that* 4
was red : and *power* was given to him that sat thereon to take
peace from the earth, and that they should kill one another : and
there was given unto him a great sword.

AND when he had opened the third Seal, I heard the third 5
beast say, Come and see. And I beheld, and lo, a black horse ;
and he that sat on him had a pair of balances in his hand. And 6
I heard a voice in the midst of the four beasts say, A measure of
wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny ;
and *see* thou hurt not the oil and the wine.

AND when he had opened the fourth Seal, I heard the voice 7
of the fourth beast say, Come and see. And I looked, and be- 8
hold, a pale horse : and his name that sat on him was Death, and
Hell followed with him. And power was given unto them over
the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with hun-
ger, and with death, and with the beasts of the earth.

AND when he had opened the fifth Seal, I saw under the altar 9
the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for
the testimony which they held ; and they cried with a loud 10
voice, saying, ' How long, O LORD, holy and true, dost thou not
judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth ? '

And white robes were given unto every one of them: and it 11
was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season,
until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be
killed as they *were*, should be fulfilled.

AND I beheld when he had opened the sixth Seal, and lo, there 12
was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth
of hair, and the moon became as blood, 'and the stars of heaven 13
fell unto the earth, even as a fig-tree casteth her untimely figs,
when she is shaken of a mighty wind. And the heaven departed 14
as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and
island were moved out of their places. And the kings of the 15
earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief cap-
tains, and the mighty men, and every bond-man, and every free-
man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the moun-
tains, 'and said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us, and hide 16
us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the
wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of his wrath is come; and 17
who shall be able to stand?'

AND after these things I saw four Angels standing on the four 7
corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the
wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any
tree. And I saw another Angel ascending from the east, having 2
the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the
four Angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth, and the sea,
'saying, 'Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we 3
have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.' And I 4
heard the number of them which were sealed: *and there were*
sealed an hundred *and forty and four* thousand of all the tribes
of the children of Israel: of the tribe of Juda *were* sealed twelve 5
thousand: of the tribe of Reuben *were* sealed twelve thousand:
of the tribe of Gad *were* sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of 6
Aser *were* sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Nephthalim
were sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Manasses *were*
sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of Simeon *were* sealed 7
twelve thousand: of the tribe of Levi *were* sealed twelve thou-
sand: of the tribe of Issachar *were* sealed twelve thousand:
'of the tribe of Zabulon *were* sealed twelve thousand: of the 8
tribe of Joseph *were* sealed twelve thousand: of the tribe of
Benjamin *were* sealed twelve thousand.

AFTER this, I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man 9
could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and
tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed
with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a 10
loud voice, saying,

Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the Angels stood round about the throne, and *about* the 11
elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their
faces, and worshipped God, saying,

Amen! Blessing, and glory, and wisdom,
And thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might,
Be unto our God for ever and ever! Amen.

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And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are 13
these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came
they? 'And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said 14
unto me, 'These are they which came out of great tribulation,
and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood
of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and 15
serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the
throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, 16
neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor
any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne 17
shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of
waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

AND when he had opened the seventh Seal, there was silence 8
in heaven about the space of half an hour.

AND I saw the seven Angels which stood before God; and 2
to them were given seven trumpets. And another Angel came 3
and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was
given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the
prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the
throne. And the smoke of the incense, which came with the 4
prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the Angel's
hand. And the Angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of 5
the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices, and
thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven 6
Angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to
sound.

THE first Angel sounded, and there followed hail and fire 7
mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and
the third part of trees was burnt up, and all green grass was
burnt up.

AND the second Angel sounded, and as it were a great moun- 8
tain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part
of the sea became blood; and the third part of the creatures 9
which were in the sea, and had life, died; and the third part of
the ships were destroyed.

AND the third Angel sounded, and there fell a great star from 10
heaven, burning as it were a lamp, and it fell upon the third part
of the rivers, and upon the fountains of waters. And the name 11
of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters
became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because
they were made bitter.

AND the fourth Angel sounded, and the third part of the sun 12
was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part
of the stars; so as the third part of them was darkened, and the
day shone not for a third part of it, and the night likewise. And 13
I beheld, and heard an Angel flying through the midst of hea-
ven, saying with a loud voice, 'Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants
of the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the
three Angels, which are yet to sound!'

AND the fifth Angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from hea- 9
ven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottom-

less pit. And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a 2
 smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the
 sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the
 pit. And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: 3
 and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth
 have power. And it was commanded them that they should not 4
 hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any
 tree; but only those men which have not the seal of God in their
 foreheads. And to them it was given that they should not kill 5
 them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their
 torment *was* as the torment of a scorpion, when he striketh a
 man. And in those days shall men seek death, and shall not 6
 find it; and shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them.
 And the shapes of the locusts *were* like unto horses prepared 7
 unto battle; and on their heads *were* as it were crowns like gold,
 and their faces *were* as the faces of men, 'and they had hair as 8
 the hair of women, and their teeth were as *the teeth* of lions, 'and 9
 they had breast-plates, as it were breast-plates of iron; and the
 sound of their wings *was* as the sound of chariots of many horses
 running to battle. And they had tails like unto scorpions, and 10
 there were stings in their tails: and their power *was* to hurt men
 five months. And they had a king over them, *which is* the Angel 11
 of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* Abad-
 don, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name Apollyon. One woe 12
 is past; *and* behold, there come two woes more hereafter.

AND the sixth Angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the 13
 four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the 14
 sixth Angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four Angels which
 are bound in the great river Euphrates. And the four Angels 15
 were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a
 month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the 16
 number of the army of the horsemen *were* two hundred thousand
 thousand: and I heard the number of them. And thus I saw 17
 the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breast-
 plates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of
 the horses *were* as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths
 issued fire, and smoke, and brimstone. By these three was the 18
 third part of men killed, by the fire and by the smoke, and by
 the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their 19
 power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails *were*
 like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.
 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues 20
 yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should
 not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and
 stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk:
 neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor 21
 of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

AND I saw another mighty Angel come down from heaven, 10
 clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow *was* upon his head, and his
 face *was* as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire; and he 2
 had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon

the sea, and *his* left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as *when* a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices. And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth, lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh Angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

AND the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, 'Go, and take the little book which is open in the hand of the Angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.' And I went unto the Angel, and said unto him, 'Give me the little book.' And he said unto me, 'Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.' And I took the little book out of the Angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. And he said unto me, 'Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.'

AND there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the Angel stood, saying, 'Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple, leave out, and measure it not; for it is given unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months. And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.' These are the two olive-trees, and the two candlesticks standing before the God of the earth. And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed. These have power to shut heaven, that it rain not in the days of their prophecy: and have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to smite the earth with all plagues, as often as they will. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them. And their dead bodies shall lie in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified. And they of the people, and kindreds, and tongues, and nations, shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves. And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice over them, and make merry, and shall send gifts one to another, because these two prophets tormented them that dwelt on the earth. And after three days and a half the Spirit of life from

God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet: and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven, saying unto them, 'Come up hither.' And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven. The second woe is past; and behold, the third woe cometh quickly.

AND the seventh Angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying,

The kingdoms of this world are become
The kingdoms of our LORD, and of his CHRIST;
And he shall reign for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, 'saying,

We give thee thanks, O LORD God Almighty,
Which art, and wast, and art to come:
Because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned,
And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come,
And the time of the dead, that they should be judged,
And that thou shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets,
And to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great;
And shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth.

AND the temple of God was opened in heaven, and there were seen in his temple the Ark of his Testament: and there were lightnings, and voices, and thunderings, and an earthquake, and great hail.

AND there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a Woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: and she, being with child, cried, travelling in birth, and pained to be delivered.

AND there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man-child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

AND there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven,

Now is come salvation, and strength,
And the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ:
For the Accuser of our brethren is cast down,
Which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,
 And by the word of their testimony ;
 And they loved not their lives unto the death.
 Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.
 Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea,
 For the Devil is come down unto you,
 Having great wrath,
 Because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

AND when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man-child. And she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood, after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman ; and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth. And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

AND I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a Beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And the Beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion : and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority. And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death ; and his deadly wound was healed : and all the world wondered after the Beast. And they worshipped the dragon, which gave power unto the Beast : and they worshipped the Beast, saying, Who is like unto the Beast ? who is able to make war with him ? And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies ; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them : and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. If any man have an ear, let him hear. He that leadeth into captivity, shall go into captivity : he that killeth with the sword, must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

AND I beheld another Beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. And he exerciseth all the power of the first Beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein, to worship the first Beast, whose deadly wound was healed. And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth, in the sight of men, and deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power

to do in the sight of the Beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the Beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. And he had power to give 15
 life unto the image of the Beast, that the image of the Beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the Beast should be killed. And he causeth all, 16
 both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; and that no man 17
 might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the Beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom: let him that 18
 hath understanding count the number of the Beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.

AND I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and 14
 with him an hundred forty and four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great 2
 thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: and they sung as it were a new song before the throne, 3
 and before the four Beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth. These are they which 4
 were not defiled with women; for they are virgins: these are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth: these were redeemed from among men, *being* the first-fruits unto God and to the Lamb: 'and in their mouth was found no guile: for they are 5
 without fault before the throne of God.

AND I saw another Angel fly in the midst of heaven, having 6
 the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 'saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for 7
 the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

AND there followed another Angel, saying, Babylon is fallen! 8
 is fallen! that great city! because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. And the third Angel 9
 followed them, saying with a loud voice, 'If any man worship the Beast and his image, and receive *his* mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of 10
 God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever 11
 and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the Beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.' Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that 12
 keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I 13
 heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, 'Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, Yea,' saith the Spirit, 'that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.'

AND I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and upon the cloud 14
one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden
 crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle.

AND another Angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud 15
 voice to him that sat on the cloud, 'Thrust in thy sickle, and
 reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of
 the earth is ripe.' And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his 16
 sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.

AND another Angel came out of the temple which is in hea- 17
 ven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another Angel came 18
 out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a
 loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, 'Thrust in thy
 sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth;
 for her grapes are fully ripe.' And the Angel thrust in his sickle 19
 into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast *it* into
 the great wine-press of the wrath of God. And the wine-press 20
 was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the wine-
 press, even unto the horse-bridles, by the space of a thousand
and six hundred furlongs.

AND I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, 15
 seven Angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled
 up the wrath of God. And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled 2
 with fire; and them that had gotten the victory over the Beast,
 and over his image, and over his mark, *and* over the number of
 his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.
 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the 3
 song of the Lamb, saying;

Great and marvellous *are* thy works, LORD God Almighty!

Just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints;

Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? 4

For *thou* only *art* Holy:

For all nations shall come and worship before thee;

For thy judgments are made manifest.

And after that I looked, and behold, the Temple of the Taber- 5
 nacle of the Testimony in heaven was opened; and the seven 6
 Angels came out of the temple, having the seven plagues, clothed
 in pure and white linen, and having their breasts girded with
 golden girdles. And one of the four Beasts gave unto the seven 7
 Angels seven golden vials full of the wrath of God, who liveth
 for ever and ever. And the temple was filled with smoke from 8
 the glory of God, and from his power; and no man was able to
 enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven Angels
 were fulfilled.

AND I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the 16
 seven Angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath
 of God upon the earth. And the first went, and poured out his 2
 vial upon the earth: and there fell a noisome and grievous sore
 upon the men which had the mark of the Beast, and *upon* them
 which worshipped his image.

AND the second Angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and 3
 it became as the blood of a dead *man*: and every living soul
 died in the sea.

AND the third Angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and 4
fountains of waters: and they became blood. And I heard the 5
Angel of the waters say, 'Thou art righteous, O LORD, which
art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus: for 6
they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast
given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.' And I heard 7
another out of the altar say, Even so, LORD God Almighty, true
and righteous *are* thy judgments.

AND the fourth Angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and 8
power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men 9
were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of
God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented
not to give him glory.

AND the fifth Angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the 10
Beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed
their tongues for pain, 'and blasphemed the God of heaven, be- 11
cause of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their
deeds.

AND the sixth Angel poured out his vial upon the great river 12
Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of
the kings of the east might be prepared. And I saw three un- 13
clean spirits like frogs *come* out of the mouth of the dragon, and
out of the mouth of the Beast, and out of the mouth of the false
prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, 14
which go forth unto the kings of the earth, and of the whole
world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Al-
mighty. - 'Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watch- 15
eth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see
his shame.' - And he gathered them together into a place called 16
in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

AND the seventh Angel poured out his vial into the air; and 17
there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the
throne, saying, It is done. And there were voices, and thunders, 18
and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was
not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake,
and so great. And the great city was divided into three parts, 19
and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in
remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine
of the fierceness of his wrath. And every island fled away, and 20
the mountains were not found. And there fell upon men a great 21
hail out of heaven, *every stone* about the weight of a talent: and
men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the
plague thereof was exceeding great.

AND there came one of the seven Angels which had the 17
seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither;
I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sit-
teth upon many waters; with whom the kings of the earth have 2
committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been
made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me 3
away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit
upon a scarlet-colored beast, full of names of blasphemy, having

seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in 4
purple and scarlet-color, and decked with gold and precious
stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abomi-
nations and filthiness of her fornication: and upon her forehead 5
was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER
OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the 6
woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood
of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with
great admiration. And the Angel said unto me, Wherefore didst 7
thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of
the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten 8
horns. The beast that thou sawest, was, and is not; and shall
ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they
that dwell on the earth shall wonder, (whose names were not
written in the book of life from the foundation of the world,) 9
when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is. And
here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are 10
seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are
seven kings; five are fallen, and one is, *and* the other is not yet
come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.
And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is 11
of the seven, and goeth into perdition. And the ten horns which 12
thou sawest, are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as
yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These 13
have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the
beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb 14
shall overcome them: for he is LORD OF LORDS, AND KING OF
KINGS: and they that are with him, *are* called, and chosen, and
faithful. And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, 15
where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations,
and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the 16
beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate
and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. For 17
God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree and
give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall
be fulfilled. And the woman which thou sawest is that great 18
city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

AND after these things I saw another Angel come down from 18
heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with
his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying; 2

Babylon the great is fallen! is fallen!
And is become the habitation of devils,
And the hold of every foul spirit,
And a cage of every unclean and hateful bird:

For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, 3
And the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her,
And the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

AND I heard another voice from heaven, saying, 4

Come out of her, my people,
That ye be not partakers of her sins,
And that ye receive not of her plagues.
For her sins have reached unto heaven,
And God hath remembered her iniquities. 5
Reward her even as she rewarded you, 6

- And double unto her double according to her works :
 In the cup which she hath filled, fill to her double.
- How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, 7
 So much torment and sorrow give her :
 For she saith in her heart, I sit a queen,
 And am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.
 Therefore shall her plagues come in one day,
 Death, and mourning, and famine : 8
 And she shall be utterly burned with fire :
 For strong is the LORD God who judgeth her.
- And the kings of the earth who have committed fornication and lived deliciously 9
 with her,
 Shall bewail her, and lament for her,
 When they shall see the smoke of her burning,
 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment,
 Saying, Alas, alas ! that great city Babylon ! that mighty City ! 10
 For in one hour is thy judgment come !
- And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her ; 11
 For no man buyeth their merchandise any more :
 The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, 12
 And of pearls, and fine linen, and purple,
 And silk, and scarlet, and all thyne wood,
 And all manner vessels of ivory,
 And all manner vessels of most precious wood,
 And of brass, and iron, and marble,
 And cinnamon, and odors, andointments, and frankincense, 13
 And wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat,
 And beasts, and sheep, and horses,
 And chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.
- And the fruits that thy soul lusteth after are departed from thee, 14
 And all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee,
 And thou shalt find them no more at all.
- The merchants of these things which were made rich by her, 15
 Shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,
 And saying, Alas, alas ! that great City. 16
 That was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet,
 And decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls !
 For in one hour so great riches is come to naught.
- And every ship-master, and all the company in ships, 17
 And sailors, and as many as trade by sea,
 Stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, 18
 Saying, What City is like unto this great City !
 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, 19
 Weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas ! that great City,
 Wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea, by reason of her costliness !
 For in one hour is she made desolate.
 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, 20
 And ye holy Apostles and prophets ;
 For God hath avenged you on her.

And a mighty Angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and 21
 cast it into the sea, saying,

- Thus with violence shall that great City Babylon be thrown down,
 And shall be found no more at all.
- And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, 22
 Shall be heard no more at all in thee ;
 And no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be,
 Shall be found any more in thee ;
 And the sound of a millstone
 Shall be heard no more at all in thee ;
 And the light of a candle 23
 Shall shine no more at all in thee ;
 And the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride
 Shall be heard no more at all in thee ;
 For thy merchants were the great men of the earth ;
 For by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.

And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and 24
 of all that were slain upon the earth.

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people 19
 in heaven, saying,

Alleluia ! Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the LORD our God :

For true and righteous *are* his judgments :

For he hath judged the great whore,

Which did corrupt the earth with her fornication,

And hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

'And again they said, 'Alleluia!'' And her smoke rose up for
ever and ever! And the four and twenty elders and the four
beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, say-
ing, 'Amen; Alleluia!' And a voice came out of the throne,
saying, 'Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him,
both small and great.' And I heard as it were the voice of a
great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the
voice of mighty thunderings, saying,

Alleluia ! for the LORD God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him

For the marriage of the Lamb is come,

And his Wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen,
clean and white. (For the fine linen is the righteousness of
saints.) And he saith unto me, 'Write, Blessed *are* they which
are called unto the marriage-supper of the Lamb.' And he saith
unto me, 'These are the true sayings of God.' And I fell at his
feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See *thou do it* not :
I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren that have the testi-
mony of Jesus : worship God. (For the testimony of Jesus is the
spirit of prophecy.)

AND I saw heaven opened : and behold, a white horse ; and
he that sat upon him *was* called Faithful and True, and in right-
eousness he doth judge and make war : his eyes *were* as a flame
of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns, and he had a name
written that no man knew, but he himself, 'and he *was* clothed
with a vesture dipped in blood, and his name is called The Word
of God. And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him
upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And
out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite
the nations : and he shall rule them with a rod of iron : and he
treadeth the wine-press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty
God. And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name writ-
ten, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

AND I saw an Angel standing in the sun ; and he cried with a
loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven,
Come, and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the
great God, 'that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of
captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses,
and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men*, both free
and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the
kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make
war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And
the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought
miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had re-
ceived the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his
image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning
with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of

him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh. And I saw **20**
 an Angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottom-
 less pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the **2**
 dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and
 bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless **3**
 pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should
 deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be
 fulfilled; and after that he must be loosed a little season.

AND I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment **4**
 was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were
 beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and
 which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither
 had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands;
 and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But **5**
 the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years
 were finished. This is the first resurrection. 'Blessed and holy **6**
 is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second
 death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of
 Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

AND when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be **7**
 loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations **8**
 which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to
 gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the
 sand of the sea. And they went up on the breadth of the earth, **9**
 and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved
 city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured
 them: and the Devil that deceived them was cast into the lake **10**
 of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are,
 and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

AND I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from **11**
 whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was
 found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, **12**
 stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book
 was opened, which is *the book* of life: and the dead were judged
 out of those things which were written in the books, according
 to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; **13**
 and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them:
 and they were judged every man according to their works: 'and **14**
 death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second
 death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life **15**
 was cast into the lake of fire.

AND I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first hea-**21**
 ven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no
 more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming **2**
 down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for
 her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, **3**

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men.

And he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,
 And God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,

Neither shall there be any more pain :
For the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, ' Behold, I make all things new.' And he said unto me, ' Write : for these words are true and faithful.' ' And he said unto me, ' It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit all things ; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone : which is the second death.'

AND there came unto me one of the seven Angels, which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God, ' having the glory of God : and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper-stone, clear as crystal ; and had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve Angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel. On the east, three gates ; on the north, three gates ; on the south, three gates ; and on the west, three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve Apostles of the Lamb. And he that talked with me, had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof. And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth : and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length, and the breadth, and the height of it are equal. And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the Angel. And the building of the wall of it was of jasper : and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass. And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper ; the second, sapphire ; the third, a chalcedony ; the fourth, an emerald ; ' the fifth, sardonyx ; the sixth, sardius ; the seventh, chrysolite ; the eighth, beryl ; the ninth, a topaz ; the tenth, a chrysoprasus ; the eleventh, a jacinth ; the twelfth, an amethyst. And the twelve gates were twelve pearls ; every several gate was of one pearl. And the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein : for the LORD God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it : for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it : and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And

the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day : for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honor of 26 the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any 27 thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie ; but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as 22 crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, *was there* the tree of life, which bare twelve *manner* of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month : and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more 3 curse : but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it ; and his servants shall serve him : and they shall see his face ; 4 and his name *shall be* in their foreheads. And there shall be no 5 night there ; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun ; for the Lord God giveth them light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

AND he said unto me, 'These sayings *are* faithful and true. 6 And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his Angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly be done. Behold, 7 I come quickly : blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.'

AND I John saw these things, and heard *them*. And when I 8 had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the Angel which showed me these things. Then saith he unto me, 9 See *thou do it* not : for I am thy fellow-servant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book : worship God. And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings 10 of the prophecy of this book ; for the time is at hand. He that 11 is unjust, let him be unjust still : and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still : and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still : and he that is holy, let him be holy still. And behold, I come 12 quickly ; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the begin- 13 ning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. For with- 14 out *are* dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. 15

I Jesus have sent mine Angel to testify unto you these things 16 in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning-star. And the Spirit and the bride say, 17 Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the 18 prophecy of this book. If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book ; and if any man shall take away from the words of the 19

book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book. He which testifieth these things saith, 20 Surely I come quickly. Amen: Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

THE END

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GALATIANS.

3:6.....(see Rom. 4:3)
3:8.....(see Acts 3:15)
3:10....from Deut. 27:5
3:11....(see Rom. 1:17)
3:12....from....Lev. 18:5
3:13.....Deut. 21:23
3:15.....Gen. 22:18
4:27.....Isai. 54:1
4:30.....Gen. 21:10
5:14....(see Matt. 19:19)

EPHESIANS.

4:8....from....Ps. 68:19
5:14.....Isai. 60:1,3
5:31....(see Matt. 19:5)
6:2....from....Exod. 20:12

I. TIMOTHY.

5:18....(see 1 Cor. 9:19)

HEBREWS.

1:5.....(see Acts 13:33)
".....from....2 Sam. 7:14
1:6.....Ps. 97:7
1:7.....Ps. 104:4
1:8,9.....Ps. 45:7
1:10-12.....Ps. 102:25-27
1:13....(see Matt. 23:44)
2:6....from....Ps. 8:5
2:12.....Ps. 22:23
2:13.....Isai. 8:17,13

3:7-11....from....Ps. 95:7-
3:15....(as 3:7-11, 2 last lines
4:3.....(same as last
4:4....from....Gen. 2:
4:5.....(as last line of 3:1
4:7.....(as first line of 5
5:5.....(see Acts 13
5:6....from....Ps. 1.
6:14.....Gen. 22:
7:17.....(see 5:6, above.)
7:21....(as 5:6, above.)
8:5....from....Exod. 25:40
8:8-14.....Jer. 31:31-34
9:10.....Exod. 34:5
10:5-7.....Ps. 40:7,8
10:8, and 9, and 16, 17. (same
as above.)
10:30....(see Rom. 12:19)
".....from....Ps. 135:14
10:37,38.....Hab. 2:3,4
11:18.....(see Rom. 9:7)
12:18....from....Prov. 3:11,12
12:20.....Exod. 19:12
12:21.....Deut. 9:19
12:26.....Hag. 2:16
13:5.....Jos. 1:5
13:6.....Ps. 118:6

JAMES.

2:8.....(see Matt. 19:19)
2:11....(see Matt. 5:27,21)
2:23.....(see Rom. 4:3)
4:6....from....Prov. 3:34

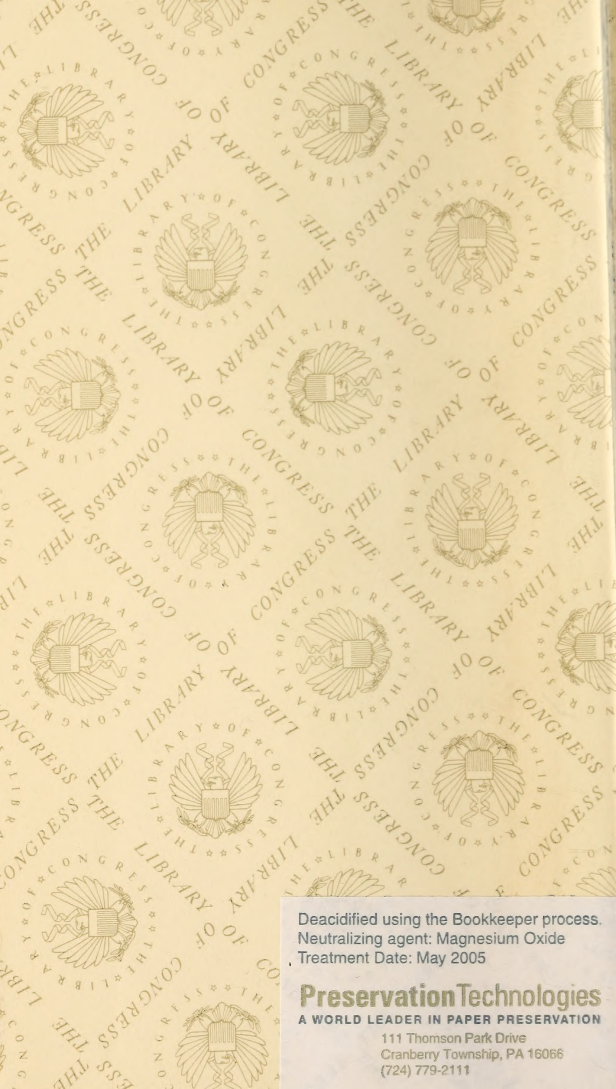
I. PETER.

1:24....from....Isai. 40:6
2:6.....Isai. 28:16
2:7.....Ps. 118:22
3:11,12.....Ps. 24:12-15

These are the verbal quotations from the Old Testament; besides which, there are a great many references, especially in the book "Revelation." In Matt. 2:23, we find, "*He shall be called a Nazarene.*" Compare Judges 13:5 with Isai. 53: &c. The sentence is not found in any one prophet, but the sentiment is in many. It is commonly supposed that Matthew gives the sense of several passages. (See *Wood's Lect. on Quotations*, p. 19, and *Kuinöl*, ad loc.)—Of this same nature is Mark 12:19, Luke 20:28, which compare with Matt. 22:24; Deut. 25:5. See also Jas. 4:5, which compare with Gal. 5:17; Eccles. 4:4, &c. See also John 7:38.—Paul three times quotes heathen poets. (1) Acts 17:28, "*For we his offspring are;*" from the *Phenomena* of Aratus, who speaks of Jupiter; but Paul applies the sentiment to the Supreme God. (2) 1 Cor. 15:33, "*Evil communications corrupt good manners;*" from a lost comedy of Menander, termed *Thais*. (3) Titus 1:12, "*Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies;*" which is from Epimenides.—Jude, ver. 14, quotes a prophecy of Enoch. (See *Horne's Introd.* II. p. 404; I. p. (30.)—In Ephesians 5:14 (compare Isai. 69:1, 3; 26:19), it is thought by many that Paul quotes a verse of a hymn which was then used in the church. (See verse 19, following. See *Rosenmüller*, *Scholia*, ad loc.)—Rom. 7:7 and 11:27. (13:9. Heb. 2:13.) Here parts of sentiments are quoted; the remainder is to be supplied. (See *Horne's Introd.* II. 434.)







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